

**SPOTLIGHT
ON
SENIOR
CITIZENS**



**ANNUAL
REPORT
1965**

AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS

FOREWARD

WHEREAS There are now more than 1500 men and women over the age of sixty-five in the town of Agawam; and

WHEREAS every twenty seconds another American reaches this milestone of maturity; and

WHEREAS the present rapid rate of growth in this segment of our population — our honored senior citizens — is a uniquely modern development that can be attributed to the forces of industrialization, urbanization, and advancing medical science and technology; and

WHEREAS the aged have special needs that must be met; and

WHEREAS the needs of older Americans are a matter of utmost concern to all of us, and must be met by all of us so that we may enrich their lives today, our own lives tomorrow, and the lives of our children in the decades to come; and

WHEREAS most persons reaching their later years have shown by action and have expressed by desire that they are able to serve as well as be served and continue to contribute experience and wisdom in the affairs of their community;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED this 1965 town report book is dedicated to Agawam's senior citizens.

Raymond E. Charest
Edward W. Connelly
Frederick Nardi
SELECTMEN

The Town Report Committee wishes to express their sincere thanks to the town officers and all department heads for their co-operation in preparing this report.

DAVID C. GALLANO, Chairman MRS. THOMAS M. DANFORD, Secretary
EDWARD BATOR ALFRED S. BEANE VINCENT R. CAROLEO

Agawam Golden Age Club makes many trips during the year by chartered bus—all senior citizens in the town are invited to accompany them. Pictured on the front cover are a group from the local Golden Age Club boarding their bus enroute to Cinerama in Boston. Other exciting trips made by the seniors this year were to Hampton Beach, N.H. to New York City and in the fall to the Berkshires to view the foliage.

AGAWAM
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*Sketch of New Agawam
Methodist Church - Mill St.*

IN MEMORY

PAUL M. BEGLEY
Library Trustee

CHARLES FERRERO
Asst. Plumbing Inspector

JAMES J. GLOSTER
Building Inspector

Highlights of 1965

Dedication of new Agawam and Feeding Hills Post Offices

New Apartment Houses Completed

Opening of Montgomery Ward Store

Presentation of Ambulance by Jaycees

New Industries

Western Massachusetts AA Football Championship

Sealer of Weights & Measures elected

Mass. Association President

As We Look Ahead

Completion of 52 Unit Housing for the Elderly

**Construction of New Methodist, Baptist, Congregational
& Valley Community Churches**

Sewer and Water Expansion

New Mittineague Bridge

New Springfield Institution for Savings and Third

National Bank Branches

Further Industrial Expansion

Additional Y.M.C.A. Facilities



Westover Air Force Band participates at dedication of New Agawam Center Post Office.



*"Singing along" with pianist Ed Ferrell are left to right, Gus Almen, Joe Huley, Mabel Huley, Etta Stetson and Court Wheeler.
Golden Age Club has many sing alongs during the year.*

Town Calendar

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

July — August — September

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

BOARD MEETINGS

Selectmen — Monday Evenings, 7:00 P.M.

Planning Board — Second Thursday of Month

School Committee — Second Tuesday of Month

Board of Assessors — Thursday Evenings, 7:00 P.M.

TELEPHONES

TOWN HALL	781-0400
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	734-8045
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	732-7589
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	788-9663
POLICE DEPARTMENT	737-4767
FIRE DEPARTMENT	736-6301

Elected Town Officers

MODERATOR

John J. Shea 1965

SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH

Raymond E. Charest	1965	Edward W. Connelly	1966
	Frederick Nardi	1967	

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Brandon N. Letellier

TOWN COLLECTOR

Margaret E. Ferranti 1965

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

F. Joseph Napolitan,	1965	Joseph A. DellaGuistina	1966
Francis J. Rosso	1965	Conrad J. Philips	1967
Philip J. DeForge	1966	Walter A. Balboni	1967

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Francis P. Cleary	1965	William M. Bardwell	1966
	Ernest M. Dumont	1967	

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Leonard P. Rising	1965	Samuel Provo	1966
	Alda Bedard	1967	

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Paul M. Begley	1965	Eugene Sullivan	1965
Harriet S. Keogh	1965	Donald R. Langevin	1967
Sylvia Deliso	1966	Norman Wood	1967

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Marco Cammisa	1965	Alfred Fontana	1966
	George Giroux	1967	

TRUSTEE WHITING STREET FUND

Alda Bedard	1965	Muriel Meunier	1966
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TREE WARDEN

Elmer Cascio 1965

PLANNING BOARD

John Beltrandi	1965	Arthur Fuchs	1968
John Foley	1966	Fred A. Drew	1969
	Harold A. Gaffney Jr, Chairman	1967	

PARKS, PLAYGROUND & RECREATION COMMISSION

James A. O'Keefe Jr.	1965	Edward G. Borgatti	1966
Roland Mercadante	1965	Earl H. Freniere Jr.	1967
Raymond Saracino	1966	Vito N. Depalo	1967

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Daniel DiDonato	1966	Robert Watson	1968
William E. Vigneaux	1967	Thomas Patrick Meredith	1969
	Francis J. Gensheimer, State Appointee	1967	

Appointed Town Officers

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Marjorie L. Santinello

CHIEF OF POLICE & DOG OFFICER CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

R. Kenneth Grady

Harry W. Schneider

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

George Maynard (resigned Sept) Donald J. Campbell

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Louis D. Draghetti

DIRECTOR OF VETERAN'S SERVICE

David C. Gallano

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Robert P. Carlson 1968

Asst. Gypsy Moth Superintendent

Dominick Ricco 1966

BUILDING INSPECTOR

James J. Gloster (deceased) Valentine R. Moreno

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

George Draghetti

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

George C. Sherman

TOWN COUNSEL — TOWN PROSECUTOR

John J. Teahan

BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard Toelken

1966

Alternates

Julio Alvigini

1967

Nick Zucco

1967

George Reynolds

1968

B. Edward Dahdah

1966

FINANCE COMMITTEE

James G. Gregor

1966

Raymond Nardi

1967

Richard Shepard

1966

Raymond Deloghia

1968

Paul Adams Jr.

1967

Roland Corriveau

1968

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Alvin R. Kellogg Jr.

1966

Arthur Zavarella

Jessie Boyer

1967

Director

Richard J. Rieker

1965

Albert M. Jackson

Brandon N. Letellier

Deputy Director

CIVIL DEFENSE

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Louis DePalma

1966

Harold Fullam

1968

William Brezinski

1967

Carlo Bonavita

1969

David C. Gallano, Chrm.

1967

Joseph Sliech Jr.

1969

William Carroll

1968

Alfred Christopher

1970

James W. Slinsky

1970

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

George Fleming, Chrm.

1966

Raymond E. Charest

1966

Anthony DiDonato

1966

Frederick Nardi

1966

Harold M. Gaffney Jr.

1967

Rev. Frank Dunn

1966

James A. O'Keefe Jr.

1967

Edson Ferrell

1966

Robert P. Carlson

1967

Mrs. Thomas M. Danford

1967

John Moccio

1968

Rev. John P. Shannon

1968

James Elasmers

1968

John Adams

1969

PERSONNEL BOARD

G. Fred Affleck—Personnel Dir.

Gordon Chandler

1967

Stanley Chiemelewski

1966

Richard Cebrelli

1968

SLAUGHTER INSPECTOR

Domit Shaer 1966

Town Directory

Incorporated May 17, 1855

Population 1965 Census — 17,484

UNITED STATES SENATORS

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL of Boston

EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Boston

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Second Congressional District

EDWARD P. BOLAND of Springfield

COUNCILOR

Eighth District

BERNARD J. FOLEY of Springfield

STATE SENATOR

Hampden, Berkshire District

GEORGE D. HAMMOND of Westfield

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT

Eleventh Hampden District

GEORGE W. PORTER of Agawam

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

First Tuesday after Third Monday in November

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Third Saturday in February

Board of Selectmen

The Board of selectman wish to report that they are in the process of instituting a program to build up the engineering personnel to enable this Department, as well as our Department of Public Works, to be in a position whereby they will be able to handle all work as it comes along without calling in outside engineering services. However, some major projects will still call for Consulting services.

Donald H. Campbell, Superintendent of Public Works, was appointed by this Board to replace George Maynard who resigned in September.

Several discussions and meetings have been held with representatives from the State Department of Public Works and the West Springfield Selectmen relative to the Mittineague Bridge, and we are in hopes that by the time this goes to press that we will have news to release on either the repairing or replacing of this bridge, with funds made available from the State.

On June 14, 1965, application was filed under Public Law 560, with the Federal Government, for improvements to the Town's water distribution system. Facilities to be designed are those which were recommended in the preliminary report prepared a year ago. We anticipated that the Federal allocation of funds would be made by early fall. However, because of shortage of Federal Funds, no allocation has been made to date, although we have been advised by the United States Government that our application is in order and has been approved. We accordingly expect that the allocation of Federal Funds will be made within the next few months.

The passing of our Building Inspector, James J. Gloster, was a loss to the Town as well as this Board. He will be missed by us all.

We would like to thank all the employes of the Town, and the residents, for their cooperation in 1965.

Raymond E. Charest,
Chairman

On trip to Berkshires by chartered bus;



Left to right, Mrs. Florence LaMontagne, Mrs. Amelia Rivers, Bus driver, Mrs. Jennie Miller and Mrs. Martha St. Germaine.



Mrs. Amelia Rivers, Mrs. Betty Fieldsted, Mrs. Martha St. Germaine, Mrs. Eunice Bains, Mrs. Gertrude Grot, Mrs. Mabel Huley, Mrs. Elsie Chilcote and Mrs. Sophie Boyd.

Florodora girls appeared in Golden Age musical.

Office of the Town Accountant

I herewith present my annual report in accordance with Section 61 of Chapter 41 of the Tercentenary Edition of the General Laws, for the year ending December 31, 1965, showing in detail the appropriations, expenditures, and the receipts from each source of income. Also the balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities.

In accordance with Section 57 Chapter 41, of the Tercentenary Edition of the General Laws, you will find a detailed report of the Town's Debt which amounts to \$2,634,000.00 with the amount of interest due in 1966 of \$69,663.75 and principal due of \$330,000.00.

All necessary figures as required by law have been filed with the proper agencies and departments of both the State and the Town as of January 12, 1966.

In closing, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all departments for their sincere cooperation this past year.

Marjorie L. Santinello
Town Accountant

Town Accountant

RECEIPTS GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:		
Current Year	\$2,452,903.22	
Previous Years	165,347.18	
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		\$2,618,250.40
In Lieu of Taxes:		
Housing Authority	1,584.00	
Water	2,295.93	
Sewer	1,723.03	
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		5,602.95
Tax Titles		784.81
From State:		
Reimburse Loss of Taxes — 1963.....	280.00	
Reimburse Loss of Taxes.....	12,457.08	
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		12,737.08
Income Tax:		
School Aid. G.L. Ch. 70	181,182.65	
School Aid G.L. Ch. 69-71	20,338.91	
State Tax	16,236.00	
State & County Tax	30,355.72	
Corp. Tax — Business	128,809.54	
Meal Tax — O.A.A.	5,065.91	
State Tax — Adm.	156.45	
Summer Recreation — Handicapped and Mentally Retarded	528.00	
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		382,673.18
Schools (Funds from Inc Tax not included)		
High School Transportation.....	67,769.00	
Temporary Aid	84.10	
Tuition	1,121.47	
Vocational Education	11,815.40	
School Building Assistance.....	86,103.10	
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		166,893.07
Licenses & Permits:		
Liquor	18,830.00	
Health	453.50	
Police	222.00	
Hawkers & Peddlars — State	22.00	
All Other	4,922.00	
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		24,449.50
Forfeitures:		
Performance Bonds	2,938.70	
Plan Deposits	40.00	
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District Court Fines		2,978.70

Grants & Gifts — Federal:		
Old Age Assistance	38,014.87	
Aid to Dependent Children	16,988.06	
Medical Aid to Aged	53,774.26	
Disability Assistance	10,161.25	
National Defense Education Act	3,044.97	
Conn. River Interceptor Sewer	33,156.00	
Advance Sewer Planning	3,172.81	
Civil Defense — All Other	357.65	
		158,669.87
From County:		
Dog Licenses	\$	1,946.12
Privileges:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Current Year	351,791.45	
Previous Years	83,334.02	
		435,125.47
Farm Animal Excise		510.53
Special Assessments:		
Sewers	8,265.81	
Sidewalk	351.25	
		8,617.06
Apportioned Sewer Paid in Advance.		383.67
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		
General Government:		
Collector:		
Charges	2,811.35	
Municipal Liens	210.00	
		3,021.35
Town Clerk & Treasurer:		
Recording Fees	2,821.70	
Sporting Licenses	318.75	
Dog Fees	257.50	
		3,397.95
Protection Property and Persons:		
Police — Photos	206.00	
Fire — Oil Burner Inspections etc.	133.00	
Sealer — Fees	716.00	
Health — Trailer Court Fees	1,748.00	
Nurses Fees	378.75	
St. Reimburse — Premies	618.00	
Septic Tank Reimburse	195.00	
		3,994.75
Sanitation:		
Sewer Connections	16,270.00	
a/r Sewer	1,130.00	
		17,400.00

Highways:		
From State:		
Chapter 90	4,999.89	
From County:		
Chapter 90	6,112.39	
		11,112.28
D.P.W. — Adm:		
Map Sales	131.50	
a/r Highway	70.50	
		211.00
Charities:		
Welfare — State:		
General Relief	1,138.82	
Old Age Assistance	15,136.60	
Aid to Dependent Children	9,181.85	
Medical Aid to Aged	33,803.81	
Disability Assistance	8,860.92	
		68,122.00
Veterans' Services		12,694.89
Schools:		
Tuition	783.20	
Books and Supplies	489.01	
All Other	1,710.50	
		2,982.71
Library Fines		859.04
State Aid to Libraries —		
Reserved for Appropriation.....		3,929.50
Recreation — Parks and Playgrounds:		
Arts and Crafts		172.50
Planning Board.		
Zoning By-law books		45.65
Revolving Fund Accounts:		
School Lunch Program:		
State Claims	49,776.79	
Luncheon receipts	143,620.72	
		193,397.51
School Athletic Association		11,050.84
Adult Education — Evening School		1,560.00
UNCLASSIFIED		
Rents	168.00	
Petty Cash Advances	1,210.00	
		1,378.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES		
Water:		
Rates	132,390.22	
Connections	4,225.00	
Miscellaneous Billings	4,603.82	
Water Liens — 1965	6,387.15	
Water Liens — Previous Years	1,625.60	
		149,231.79

INTEREST

Collector — Deferred Taxes	4,769.25	
Special Assessments	471.90	
Special Assessments Pd. in Advance	4.52	
Tax Titles	5.14	
	<hr/>	5,250.81

AGENCY AND TRUST

Library Funds:		
Davis Library	1,988.20	
Phelon Library	20.00	
	<hr/>	2,008.20
Cemetery Funds:		
Old Cemetery Fund Income	28.00	
Feeding Hills Cemetery — General Care	6.40	
Feeding Hills Cemetery — Perpetual Care	11.20	
Maple Grove Cemetery	56.20	
Lydia Roberts — Cemetery Care	44.00	
Old Cemetery	3.38	
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Dog Licenses		2,299.50

LOANS

Temporary — Anticipation of Revenue	900,000.00
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DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

Board of Appeals	459.52	
Planning Board	545.48	
Water Guarantee ..	2,500.00	
Bid Bonds, Proposal Guarantees and Plan Deposits	7,810.00	
	<hr/>	11,315.00
Welfare Recoveries		2,277.50

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Credit Union	158,440.86	
Blue Cross	34,622.27	
Life Insurance	3,773.57	
Retirement	41,275.48	
Savings Bonds	2,219.27	
Federal Withholding Taxes	259,745.12	
State Withholding Taxes	32,309.80	
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MISCELLANEOUS

Gift:

Health — P.T.A. — Measle Clinic. (Vaccine) 600.00

Refunds::Reimbursements:

Liability Insurance	69.15
Town Vehicle Insurance	258.59
Hospitalization Insurance	2,105.00
School Insurance	919.38
Insurance Claims:	
Police — Cruiser Damage	1,616.80
Dept. Public Works — Water Damage	197.34
Parks and Playgrounds — Field House	170.00
Workmen's Compensation	120.72
Blue Cross and Life Insurance	19.86
Welfare	4,534.53
Veterans Services	413.07
General Departments	369.73

Wild Cat Bounty — Due from County	11,294.17
	10.00

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$5,773,746.31
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At local installation of Golden Age Club:



Back row, Mrs. Olga Pope, Mrs. Ruth Bishop, Mrs. Jennie Miller, Mrs. Dorothy Wright; Seated: Mrs. Martha St. Germaine, Mrs. Edwina Blanchard, Mrs. Felix Theoret, Mrs. Rose Beaupre and Mrs. Elsie Hastings.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1965	Appro- priations	Additions	Available	Expen- ditures	Balance	Carry Over
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Moderator		100.00		100.00	100.00		
Personnel Board Expense		500.00		500.00	338.77	161.23	
Personnel Board-Survey	1,000.00			1,000.00	850.00	150.00	
Selectmen — Salaries		4,300.00		4,300.00	4,300.00		
Secretary		5,512.00		5,512.00	5,512.00		
Other		1,165.00		1,165.00	1,058.78	106.22	
Out of State Travel		200.00		200.00		200.00	
Town Accountant — Salary		5,512.00	160.00	5,672.00	5,672.00		
Clerical		3,848.00	120.00	3,968.00	3,968.00		
Other		1,735.00	463.98	2,198.98	2,019.51	179.47	
Out of State Travel		100.00		100.00			
Town Clerk & Treasurer — Salary		7,982.00		7,982.00	7,982.00		
Principal Clerk		4,524.00		4,524.00	3,611.30	912.70	
Clerical		6,057.00		2,860.00	4,302.90	2,147.10	
Other		2,860.00	393.00	6,450.00	2,621.08	238.92	
Town Collector — Salary		6,188.00		6,188.00	6,188.00		
Principal Clerk		4,524.00		4,524.00	4,524.00		
Clerical		4,036.00		4,036.00	3,807.80	228.20	
Other		3,735.00		3,735.00	3,527.70	207.30	
Assessors — Salaries		7,100.00		7,100.00	7,100.00		
Principal Clerk		4,524.00		4,524.00	4,524.00		
Clerical		4,598.00		4,598.00	4,053.85	544.15	
Other		2,300.00		2,300.00	2,079.37	220.63	
Law — Town Council		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		
Town Prosecutor		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Appraisals		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Other		600.00	1,000.00	1,600.00	1,590.81	9.19	
Election & Registration — Salaries		750.00		750.00	750.00		
Election Officers		2,404.00	56.05	2,460.05	2,460.05		
Other		1,950.00		1,950.00	1,607.45	342.55	
Administration Building							
Custodian — Salary		4,213.00		4,213.00	4,168.40	44.60	
Clerical		6,241.00		6,241.00	6,203.40	37.60	
Fuel, Light & Telephone		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,639.61	360.39	
Insurance		900.00		900.00	821.00	79.00	
Painting Interior		812.00		812.00		812.00	

Copy Machine Supplies	350.00	200.00	550.00	486.00	64.00
Other	935.00		935.00	933.38	1.62
Other Town Buildings	475.00	350.00	825.00	597.68	227.32
Fire — Chief Salary	8,580.00		8,580.00	8,580.00	
Salaries	184,135.00		184,135.00	181,964.41	2,170.59
Equipment	6,130.00		6,130.00	6,051.64	78.36
Uniforms	410.00		410.00	409.95	.05
Building Repairs and Maint.	5,150.00		5,150.00	1,780.38	3,369.62
Radio Alert Fire Alarm System ..	3,700.00		3,700.00	3,638.25	61.75
Combination Pumper Truck	27,500.00	2,261.00	29,761.00	29,761.00	29,761.00
Other	10,955.00		10,955.00	10,943.52	11.48
Out of State Travel	365.00		365.00	365.00	
Police — Chief Salary	8,580.00		8,580.00	8,580.00	
Salaries	164,804.00		164,804.00	159,931.73	4,869.27
School Traffic Officers	6,970.00		6,970.00	6,471.80	498.20
Uniforms	2,500.00	17.32	2,517.32	2,491.81	25.51
Safety Officer	250.00		250.00	250.00	
New Cruisers	5,500.00	153.00	5,653.00	1,495.00	4,158.00
Crowd Control - Equip & Supplies		4,082.68	4,082.68	4,082.68	
Other	11,744.00	917.45	12,661.45	12,033.58	627.87
Out of State Travel	150.00		150.00	121.59	28.41
Sealer — Salary	2,900.00		2,900.00	2,900.00	
Other	945.00		945.00	843.24	101.76
Out of State Travel	125.00		125.00	125.00	
Electrical Inspector — Salary	2,200.00		2,200.00	2,200.00	
Other	525.00		525.00	505.69	19.31
Building Inspector — Salary	5,954.00		5,954.00	5,326.90	627.10
Other	800.00		800.00	756.49	43.51
Dog Law Enforcement	300.00		300.00	300.00	
Forestry — Tree Warden	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	
Labor	4,800.00		4,800.00	4,800.00	
Equipment Rental	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,796.00	4.00
Tree Planting	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,391.50	8.50
Spraying	1,150.00		1,150.00	1,150.00	
Removal of Dutch Elm	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Other	150.00		150.00	150.00	
Civil Defense — Administration37		1,000.05	1,000.05	.32
Other40	357.65	4,558.05	4,557.90	.15
Out of State Travel	200.00		200.00	198.64	1.36
Gypsy Moth Control	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Health — Agent Salary	6,916.00		6,916.00	6,916.00	
Clerical	3,276.00		3,276.00	3,276.00	
Nurses' Salaries	11,288.00		11,288.00	11,288.00	
Premie Babies	3,500.00		3,500.00	2,544.52	955.48
Other	3,550.00		3,550.00	3,528.49	21.51

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1965	Appro- priations	Additions	Available	Expen- ditures	Balance	Carry Over
Plumbing — Labor		2,200.00		2,200.00	2,199.00	1.00	
Other		150.00		181.66	158.63	23.06	
Slaughter & Animal Inspectors ..		966.00	31.66	966.00	966.00		
Aerial Mosquito Control		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,998.84	1.16	
Garbage Collection		21,000.00		21,000.00	21,000.00		
Rubbish Collection		22,463.00		22,463.00	22,409.02	53.98	
Sewer Maint. & Surface Drainage ..		16,760.00	2,000.00	18,760.00	18,679.76	80.24	
Interceptor Sewer Plans	582.64			582.64		582.64	
Meadow St. Alhambra Cir. Sewers.	1,891.30			1,891.30		1,891.30	
Ramah Cir. No. Drain — 1958	1,416.90			1,416.90		.96	
Ramah Cir. No. & So. Drn. 1964 ..	899.00			899.00		.32	
South Main Street Sanitary Swr. ..	181.47			181.47		106.07	
Suffield St. Drain - Industrial Pk. ..	220.43			220.43		62.03	
So. Westfield St. San. Sewer 1964 ..	4,695.24			4,695.24		2.27	
Lincoln Street Drn. & Resurf.	1,583.50			1,583.50		1,359.50	1,359.50
Simpson Circle San. Sewer	938.62			938.62		150.13	
Clifton Dr. San. Sewer		7,800.00		7,800.00		2,231.77	2,231.77
Ruth Avenue Sanitary Sewer		7,300.00		7,300.00		2,211.13	2,211.13
Meadowbrook Road Sanitary Sewer		19,000.00		19,000.00		6,060.16	6,060.16
Merrill Drive Sanitary Sewer		10,500.00		10,500.00		3,144.39	3,144.39
Howard Street Sanitary Sewer		1,400.00		1,400.00		4.20	
Norman Terr. Surf. Drn. & Resurf.		7,500.00		7,500.00		329.37	
Sewer Cleaning Machine		385.00		385.00			
Chapter 90 Constr. 1959	3.73			3.73		3.73	3.73
Chapter 90 Constr. 1961	10,431.46			10,431.46		10,431.46	10,431.46
Chapter 90 Constr. 1963	29,469.74			29,469.74		29,469.74	29,469.74
Chapter 90 Constr. 1964	33,418.50			33,418.50		33,411.00	33,411.00
Chapter 90 Constr. 1965		8,500.00		8,500.00		8,495.00	8,495.00
Chapter 90 Maint. 1965		15,000.00		15,000.00		1,28	
Chapter 782 Rd. Constr.		*17,496.14	291.28	17,787.42	14,998.72	2,788.70	
D.P.W. Supt. Salary		9,464.00	160.73	9,624.73	17,496.14	1,28	
Clerical & Personnel Services		155,209.00	7,387.71	162,596.71	9,624.73	291.28	291.28
Police Salaries		1,200.00		1,200.00	154,803.02	7,793.69	
Engineering Salaries		20,170.00	2,200.00	22,370.00	1,199.57	.43	
Administration — Other		900.00	200.00	1,100.00	20,936.44	1,433.56	
Highway Maintenance		39,450.00		39,450.00	1,070.16	29.84	
Road Machinery		21,000.00	1,009.66	22,009.66	37,698.35	1,751.65	
Sidewalk Maintenance		500.00		500.00	22,005.58	4.08	
No. Westfield St. Sidewalk 1964 ..	2,005.76			2,005.76	428.95	71.05	
Cooper Street Sidewalk 1964	7,616.71			7,616.71	1,925.88	79.88	
Federal Street Sidewalk 1964	5,201.19			5,201.19	6,124.56	1,492.15	
Monroe St. Sidewalk & Park Area.	362.24			362.24	4,733.68	467.51	
Snow Removal		21,000.00		21,000.00	362.24	362.24	
Pick-Up Truck		2,000.00		2,000.00	15,558.33	5,441.67	
					1,495.00	505.00	

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 Welfare — Salaries
 Welfare — General Relief
 Veterans' Benefits
 School Lunch Program
 School Athletic Association
 School Nat'l Def. Ed. Act
 School Adult Evening School
 School Land Pur. Main & Reed ...
 Land Taking School Purposes
 Land Taking Heirs D. Crowley
 Easement — Elbert Road
 Land Taking — Maynard Street ...
 Land Taking — School & Fire Purp.
 Land Purchase — Lealand & Val. St.
 School — Salaries, Oper. Expense ...
 Schools — Transportation
 Schools — Out of State Travel
 Schools - Jr. High Bldg. Com. Plans
 Schools - Grange School Add. Plans
 Library — Chief Librarian - Salary
 Library — Other Salaries
 Library — Fuel & Light
 Library — Mileage
 Library — All Other
 Library — Out of State Travel
 Parks & Playgrounds - Salaries ..
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 Parks & Play. — Land Purchase ..

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APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1965	Appro- priations	Additions	Available	Expen- ditures	Balance	Carry Over
1965 — State Census		2,000.00		3,050.00	2,957.06	92.94	
Damages to Property & Persons ..		500.00		500.00	151.90	348.10	
Non-Contributory Retirement		4,327.00		4,327.00	4,326.40	.60	
Widow's Annuity		600.00		600.00	600.00		
Town Reports		3,200.00		3,200.00	2,978.71	221.29	
WWI Barracks No. 396		600.00		600.00	600.00		
Aid to Agriculture		135.00		135.00	135.00		
Conservation Commission		100.00		100.00	25.00	.75.00	
Safety Council of Western Mass. ..		235.77		235.77	235.77		
Surety Bonds		800.00	2.00	802.00	802.00		
Liability Insurance		10,000.00		10,000.00	8,763.03	1,236.97	
Group Ins & Hospitalization		32,500.00	9.93	32,509.93	32,033.74	476.19	
Finance Committee Expense		200.00		200.00	67.69	132.31	
Foreclosure Tax Titles		700.00		700.00	99.00	601.00	
Council for Aging		100.00		100.00	92.00	8.00	
Memorial Day Committee		615.00		615.00	608.35	6.65	
Planning Board Expense		500.00	20.00	520.00	463.82	56.18	
Planning Board Master Plans	147.78			147.78		147.78	
Planning Board Zoning Revision ..	170.95			170.95	87.48	83.47	
Board of Appeals Expense			1.00	601.00	503.74	97.26	
Business Development Com. Exp...		600.00		100.00		100.00	
Town Vehicle Insurance		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,052.21	947.79	
Previous Years Bills		382.89		382.89	382.89		
Contributory Retirement		52,932.00		52,932.00	52,932.00		
Reserve Fund		25,000.00		25,000.00	23,560.44	1,439.56	
Water Contract		75,000.00		75,000.00	72,560.58	2,439.42	
Water — All Other		23,900.00	1,500.00	25,400.00	25,236.34	163.66	
Water Meters (Carryover)	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,171.43	328.57	
Riverview Ave. Water Main	862.88			862.88	731.23	131.65	
Warren St. 8" Water Main		2,400.00		2,400.00	2,084.23	315.77	
Fenton St. 6" Water Main		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,235.26	264.74	
Corey St. 8" Water Main		4,300.00		4,300.00	4,289.78	10.22	
Cemetery Maintenance		790.00		790.00	707.31	82.69	
Cemetery Veterans Graves		234.00		234.00	234.00		
Rebuilding Cemeteries		425.00	575.00	1,000.00	999.00	1.00	
Interest — Debt		78,012.00		78,012.00	78,011.25	.75	
Principal — Debt		330,000.00		330,000.00	330,000.00		
Interest — Temp. Rev. Loans		10,000.00		10,000.00	9,810.08	189.92	
1963 Snow Removal Deficit		1,240.83		1,240.83	1,240.83		
	\$261,716.67	\$3,892,360.95	\$376,374.02	\$4,530,451.64	\$4,149,030.16	\$381,421.48	\$266,721.17

*Chap. 782 Mitteneague Bridge — vote rescinded 1965 Annual Town Meeting and appropriated this \$17,000.00 as per Article No. 95 in Town Warrant.

NON-REVENUE EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1965	Appro- riations	Additions	Available	Expen- ditures	Balance	Carry Over
Granger School Addition	\$15,863.60		\$	\$15,863.60	\$15,677.59	\$ 186.01	\$ 186.01
Conn. River Interceptor Swr.	4,489.44		10,000.00	14,489.44	3,045.77	11,443.67	11,443.67
Main St. Swr. Adv. Planning Study			3,172.81	3,172.81	3,172.81		
Springfield & Suffield St. Dr.	22,299.08			22,299.08		22,299.08	22,299.08
Shea's Field (Robinson) School ...	2,006.23			2,006.23		2,006.23	2,006.23
High School Addition	3,470.05			3,470.05		3,470.05	3,470.05
Jr. High Cafeteria Addition	880.48			880.48		880.48	880.48
	<u>\$49,008.88</u>		<u>\$13,172.81</u>	<u>\$62,181.69</u>	<u>\$21,896.17</u>	<u>\$40,285.52</u>	<u>\$40,285.52</u>

TOWN OF AGAWAM — BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1965

ASSETS

Cash Revenue	\$775,292.63
Petty Cash Advance	30.00
Treasurer's Recovery — Due	500.00

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:	
Levy of 1958	
Personal Property	1,120.00
Levy of 1959	
Personal Property	382.00
Levy of 1960	
Personal Property	864.98
Levy of 1961	
Personal Property	2,216.05
Levy of 1962	
Personal Property	1,870.66
Levy of 1963	
Personal Property	4,377.00
Real Estate	196.00
	<u>4,573.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:	
Blue Cross	\$ 345.50
U. S. Savings Bonds	406.58
Life Insurance	82.22
	<u>834.30</u>
Reserve — Petty Cash Advance	30.00
Tailings	341.20
County Dog Licenses	15.75
Plan Deposits	1,100.00
Water Guarantee Deposits	50.00
Planning Board Deposits	215.40
Board of Appeals Deposits	89.41
Aid to Dependent Children — Recovery	65.00
Trust Fund Income:	
Phelon Library	136.32
Old Cemetery	307.33
F. H. Cemetery, Gen. Care	74.37
F. H. Cemetery, Perp. Care	131.19
Maple Grove Cemetery	586.89

ASSETS

Levy of 1964	
Personal Property	4,863.05
Real Estate	7,400.35
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Levy of 1965	
Personal Property	12,719.35
Real Estate	128,116.96
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Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:	
Levy of 1959	3,083.91
Levy of 1960	4,532.35
Levy of 1961	3,918.37
Levy of 1962	5,776.21
Levy of 1963	7,835.69
Levy of 1964	12,002.30
Levy of 1965	44,241.19
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Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1965	81,390.02
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Special Assessments:

1965 — Unappor. Sewer & Storm Drains	6,535.81
1965 — Unappor. Sidewalk	717.12
1963 — Appor. Sewer Added to Taxes	30.00
1965 — Appor. Sewer Added to Taxes	172.72
1965 — Committed Interest	104.12
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Tax Titles	18,886.00
Tax Possessions	2,074.74
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Departmental:

a/r Sewer	1,015.00
a/r Highway	66.45
a/r Welfare	1,202.67
a/r Aid to Dependent Children	2,301.82
a/r Veterans' Benefits	1,107.32
a/r Schools	305.40
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LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Lydia Roberts Cemetery Care	126.15
Old Cemetery	3.38
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	1,365.63

Federal Grants:

12,263.40	
Old Age Assistance	11,677.59
Old Age Assistance — Adm.	3,643.09
Aid to Depend. Children	14,717.34
Aid to Depend. Child. — Adm.	3,714.20
Medical Aid to Aged	12,721.68
Medical Aid to Aged — Adm.	4,083.07
Disability Assistance	2,599.93
Disability Assistance — Adm.	2,775.27
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	55,932.17

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Adm. Bldg. — Painting Interior	812.00
Adm. Bldg. — Painting Interior	29,761.00
Police — New Cruisers	4,158.00
Civil Defense — Adm.	.32
Civil Defense — All Other	.15
Civil Defense — Out of St. Tr.	1.36
Lincoln St. Drain	1,359.50
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Clifton Dr. San. Sewer	2,231.77
Ruih Avenue San. Sewer	2,211.13
Meadowbrook San. Sewer	6,060.16
Merrill Dr. San. Sewer	3,144.39
Chap. 90 Construction — 1959	3.73
Chap. 90 Construction — 1961	10,431.45
Chap. 90 Construction — 1963	29,469.74
Chap. 90 Construction — 1964	33,411.00
Chap. 90 Construction — 1965	8,495.00
Chap. 782 Road Constr	291.28
Road Constr. — Ind. Pk. Shoemaker	12,500.00
Forrest Road Emer. Repairs	1,888.70
Schools Land Purchases or Takings:	
School Purposes	2,575.00
Main & Reed Streets	1,875.00
Heirs D. Crowley	150.00
Easement — Elbert Road	2.00
Maynard Street	1.00
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Water:					
Rates	13,820.67		School & Fire Purposes	39,000.00	
Miscellaneous	4,340.74		Land Purchase — Valentine &		
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1964	103.88		Lealand Avenue	1,000.00	
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1965	1,043.99				190,833.69
Aid to Highways:					
State	31,575.14	19,309.28	Revolving Fund:		
County	15,787.63		School Lunch Program	13,348.16	
			School Athletic Association	573.08	
			School N.D.E.A.	3,569.50	
			School Adult Education	2,464.57	
					19,955.31
Loans Authorized — Chap. 90 Constr.		47,362.77	Overlay Surplus		41,717.50
		25,500.00	Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Accounts to be Raised:			1958 Overlay	251.20	
Court Judgement — Final		2,200.51	1959 Overlay	385.20	
Conn. River Interceptor Swr. Loan AFR		11,844.00	1960 Overlay	1,941.96	
			1961 Overlay	6,075.90	
			1962 Overlay	5,005.63	
			1963 Overlay	9,411.84	
			1964 Overlay	35,186.48	
			1965 Overlay	40,738.13	
					98,996.34
			Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
			M. V. & Trailer Excise	81,390.02	
			Farm Animal Excise	75.38	
			Tax Title & Possession	20,960.74	
			Special Assessment	7,559.77	
			Departmental	5,998.66	
			Water	19,309.28	
			Aid to Highways	47,362.77	
					182,656.62
			Loans Authorized & Unissued		25,500.00
			Overestimates:		
			St. Parks & Reservations 1965	806.72	
			County Tax — 1965	4,819.20	
			Regional Planning Assess	.50	
					5,626.42
			Reserved for Appropriation:		
			St. Aid to Libraries		3,929.50

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loan in Ant. of Federal Reimbursement	15,000.00
Surplus Revenue	517,895.92
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	1,162,150.16

NON-REVENUE

Cash	\$ 40,285.52	
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Granger School Addition	\$ 186.01	
Connecticut River Interc. Swr.	11,443.67	
Springfield & Suffield St. Dr.	22,299.08	
Shea's Field (Robinson) School	2,006.23	
High School Addition	3,470.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 40,285.52

DEFERRED REVENUE

Appropriated Sewer Assessment Revenue Not Due	\$ 9,416.90	
Appropriated Sidewalk Assess. Rev. Not Due	65.00	
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	\$ 9,481.90	

DETAIL OF DEBT INSIDE DEBT LIMIT

Purpose	Year Issued	Outstanding 1/1/65	Paid 1965	Outstanding 12/31/65	Principal Due 1966	Interest Due 1966	Date of Maturity
Granger School	1949	99,000.00	20,000.00	79,000.00	20,000.00	1,380.00	1969
South School	1956	115,000.00	15,000.00	100,000.00	15,000.00	2,600.00	1974
Robinson School	1959	300,000.00	20,000.00	280,000.00	20,000.00	10,640.00	1979
High School Add.	1961	245,000.00	15,000.00	230,000.00	15,000.00	6,897.50	1981
Jr. High Cafeteria	1962	75,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00	1,000.00	1967
Granger School Add.	1964	340,000.00	20,000.00	320,000.00	20,000.00	9,610.00	1984
Spfd St. Storm Dr.	1961	140,000.00	20,000.00	120,000.00	2,000.00	3,410.00	1971

DETAIL OF DEBT OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT

Phelps School Add.	1952	80,000.00	10,000.00	70,000.00	10,000.00	1,105.00	1972
New High School	1954	300,000.00	30,000.00	270,000.00	30,000.00	5,737.50	1974
New High School	1954	750,000.00	75,000.00	675,000.00	75,000.00	14,343.75	1974
South St. School	1956	130,000.00	15,000.00	115,000.00	15,000.00	2,990.00	1973
Robinson School	1959	190,000.00	15,000.00	175,000.00	15,000.00	6,650.00	1979
Conn. River Interc. Sewer	1963	200,000.00	50,000.00	150,000.00	50,000.00	3,300.00	1968
		<u>2,964,000.00</u>	<u>330,000.00</u>	<u>2,634,000.00</u>	<u>330,000.00</u>	<u>69,663.75</u>	

Submitted: January 12, 1966

Marjorie L. Santinello
Town Accountant

Town Collector

	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	1-1-66 Outstanding
TAXES:				
LEVY OF 1965				
Farm Excise	575.53	500.15		
Previous Years	10.38	10.38		75.38
Personal Property	225,248.01			
Refunds	50.70	212,208.51		
Previous Years	27,585.52		370.85	12,719.35
Refunds	35.00	11,926.78		
Poll Taxes				15,693.74
Previous Years	232.00	232.00		
Real Estate	2,473,199.43			
Refunds	10,666.79	2,240,694.71	113,720.75	
Tax Titles			1,333.80	128,116.96
Previous Years	160,796.34			
Refunds	1,347.21	153,188.40	892.70	
Tax Titles			466.10	7,596.35
Motor Vehicle	443,784.76			
Refunds	10,664.29	369,828.85	40,379.01	44,241.19
Previous Years	106,352.31			
Refunds	4,459.54	65,218.29	8,366.40	37,227.16
WATER:				
Rates	155,094.38	132,390.22	1,412.31	
Refunds			**7,471.18	13,820.67
Miscellaneous Billings	8,953.56			
Refunds	2.00	4,603.82	11.00	4,340.74
Water Liens				
Added to 1965 Taxes	7,471.18			
Refunds	30.62	6,387.15		
Tax Titles			70.66	1,043.99
Previous Years	1,737.28	1,625.60		
Tax Titles			7.80	103.88
Water Connections	4,225.00			
Refunds	120.09	4,225.00	120.00	
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS:				
Sewer Connections	16,140.00			
Refunds	260.00	16,140.00	260.00	
Sewer Acc/Rec.	2,535.00	1,130.00	390.00	1,015.00
Highway Acc/Rec.	110.95	44.50		66.45
Health and Sanitation	2,225.00	1,943.00	282.00	
School	1,088.60	783.20		305.40
Veteran's Benefits	13,802.21	12,694.89		1,107.32
Welfare	2,341.49	1,138.82		1,202.67
Old Age Assistance	15,136.60	15,136.60		
Disability Assistance	8,860.92	8,860.92		
Medical Aid for Aged	33,803.81	33,803.81		
Aid to Dependent Children	11,483.67	9,181.85		2,301.82
Municipal Liens	210.00	210.00		

BETTERMENTS:

Apportioned Sewer				
Added to 1965 Taxes	1,267.48	1,094.76		172.72
Previous Years	258.14	228.14		30.00
Apportioned Sidewalk				
Added to 1965 Taxes	20.75	20.75		
Committed Interest				
Added to 1965 Taxes	517.39	413.27		104.12
Previous Years	61.04	61.04		
Unapportioned Sewer	13,863.76	6,877.16	450.79	6,535.81
Unapportioned Sidewalk	4,871.80			
Refunds	183.00	290.50	4,047.18	717.12
Apportioned Sewer Paid in Advance	383.67	383.67		
Interest on Sewer Paid in Advance	4.52	4.52		

**Deferred Revenue

Margaret E. Ferranti

Barbara Jean DeForge operates new switchboard in lobby at Town Hall.



Board of Assessors

ASSESSOR'S STATISTICAL REPORT

1965

Number of Horses Assessed	123
Number of Cows Assessed	134
Number of Neat Cattle Assessed	65
Number of Fowls Assessed	18,530
All Other Live Stock Assessed	827

Total Number of Livestock Assessed	19,679
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Value of Assessed Stock in Trade	\$ 906,880.00
Value of Assessed Machinery	1,068,660.00
Value of Assessed Livestock	11,300.00
Value of All Other Tangible Property Assessed	900,955.00

Total Value of All Personal Property Assessed	\$ 2,887,795.00
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Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	4,563
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	12,413
Number of Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed	10,327
Number of 1964 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed in 1965	694
Value of Motor Vehicles and Trailers	7,261,345.00
Value of 1964 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed in 1965	630,707.00
Excise Tax Assessed on Motor Vehicle and Trailers ...	441,315.16
Excise Tax Assessed on 1964 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed in 1965	9,083.04

VALUATIONS

Value of Buildings Assessed	\$ 27,517,815.00
Value of Land Assessed	4,189,870.00

Total Value of Real Estate	\$ 31,707,685.00
Value of Personal Estate	2,887,795.00

Total Value of All Assessed Estate	\$ 34,595,480.00
(upon which taxes have been levied as follows)	

County Tax	77,814.02
Under Estimate County Tax 1964	1,017.88
State Parks and Reservations	10,443.93
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	1,829.55
Town Appropriation	3,892,360.95
Veterans Service District	8,946.43
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District	1,257.90
Court Judgment	596.90
Overlay of Current Year	154,829.73

\$ 4,149,097.33

LESS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$	236,520.18	
Corporation Taxes		111,262.36	
Reimbursement on Account of Publicly Owned Land		10,877.08	
Old Age Tax Meals Ch. 64B S. 10		4,454.68	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		385,000.00	
Licenses		20,000.00	
Fines		2,000.00	
Special Assessments		5,000.00	
General Government		6,000.00	
Protection of Persons and Property		500.00	
Health and Sanitation		15,000.00	
Highways		100.00	
Charities		40,000.00	
Old Age Assistance		13,000.00	
Veterans' Services		13,000.00	
Schools		94,000.00	
Libraries		500.00	
Recreation		100.00	
Public Service Enterprises		168,000.00	
Interest on Taxes and Assessments		4,000.00	
State Assistance for School Constr Chapter 645 Acts of 1948		86,100.00	
Farm Animal Excise		200.00	
Agawam Housing Authority		1,500.00	
In Lieu of Taxes (City of Springfield)		4,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts	\$	1,221,114.30	
Over Estimates 1964			
State Recreation Area		800.02	
 Amounts voted from Available Funds			
March 12, 1965	149,925.11		
March 12, 1965	78,810.46	\$	228,735.57
			\$ 1,450,649.89
 Net Amount to be raised by Taxation			\$ 2,698,447.44
Value of Personal Property			
\$ 2,887,795 @ \$78.00		\$	225,248.01
Value of Real Estate			
\$ 31,707,685 @ \$78.00		\$	2,473,199.43
			\$ 2,698,447.44

Francis P. Cleary
Chairman

Town Clerk and Treasurer

BIRTHS — recorded through September 30, 1965	120
DEATHS	108
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED	183
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RECORDED	572
BUSINESS CERTIFICATES RECORDED	47
DOG LICENSES ISSUED	1,017
Males	531
Females	81
Spayed	405
Kennels	20
Recording Fees	\$5,449.45
Sporting Licenses	8,972.45

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Purpose of Loan

INSIDE DEBIT LIMIT

Feeding Hills School Extension	1949	2%	2-1969	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
South Street Elem. School	1955	2.60	7-1974	15,000.00	115,000.00
Robinson Park School	1959	3.80	7-1979	20,000.00	280,000.00
Springfield Street Storm Drain	1961	3.10	5-1971	20,000.00	120,000.00
High School Addition	1961	3.10	5-1981	15,000.00	230,000.00
Jr. High Cafeteria Addition	1962	2%	11-1967	25,000.00	50,000.00
Granger School Addition	1964	3.10	1-1984	20,000.00	320,000.00

OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT

Benjamin J. Phelps School Add.	1952	1.70	2-1972	10,000.00	70,000.00
New High School	1954	2.25	2-1974	105,000.00	945,000.00
South Street Elem. School	1956	2.60	7-1973	15,000.00	100,000.00
Robinson Park School	1959	3.80	7-1979	15,000.00	175,000.00
Conn. River Interceptor Sewer	1963	2.20	7-1968	50,000.00	150,000.00

TRUST FUNDS

Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund Securities and Savings Bank Deposits	\$ 5,595.00
Desire A. Pyne Fund Securities	2,000.00
Mary E. Phelon School Fund Securities and Savings Bank Deposits	4,225.93
Mary E. Phelon Library Fund Securities	500.00
Old Cemetery Fund Savings Bank Deposits	1,140.00
Maple Grove Cemetery Fund Savings Bank Deposits	1,405.79
Faolin M. Peirce Scholarship Fund Securities	20,106.72
Clara H. Williams Nursing Scholarship Savings Bank Deposits	500.00

Department of Public Works

The Board of selectman appointed George F. Maynard, Superintendent of the Department on Feb. 8, 1965. Mr. Maynard resigned to accept another position elsewhere on Sept. 10, 1965. The Board then appointed Donald J. Campbell Superintendent and he assumed his duties on Sept. 21, 1965.

HIGHWAY SECTION

The following streets were surface treated: Ramah Circle South; James Street; Colemore Street; Valley Street; Greenock Street; Melrose Place; Joseph Street; Center Street; Cottage Street; Chapin Street; Lincoln Street; Maynard Street and Francis Street.

Under our Chapter 90 maintenance funds, Bituminous Concrete Type I was applied to Silver Street from Elm Street to Suffield Street and also Walnut Street from Maple Street to River Street. Shoemaker Lane from Silver Street to Crestview Country Club was surface treated. 500 feet of drainage was installed for the Cogswell Manufacturing plant on Suffield Street. State funds under Chapter 782 amounting to \$17,000.00 were made available to the Town and bituminous concrete Type I was applied to the following streets under this program: Ottawa Street; High Street; Moore Street; Cooley Street: Alhambra Circle North & South; Leonard Street and Raymond Circle.

Bituminous Concrete Type I was also applied to the following streets: Rhodes Avenue; Norris Street; Lincoln Street (part); Mountainview Street; Vadnais Street and Norman Terrace. Campbell Drive was reconstructed.

New street signs were installed on all side streets off River Road; Springfield Street; Suffield Street and North Street. A machine to make our own signs was purchased during the year and it has proven to be much more economical than buying them already made.

Approximately 9600 gallons of dust layer was applied to gravel and dirt roads.

Brush was cut on several intersections where traffic hazards existed.

SEWER SECTION

410 feet of drainage was installed on Campbell Drive. Drainage was also installed on Ramah Circle South and Norman Terrace.

Sanitary sewers were installed on Howard Street; Meadowbrook Road; Merrell Drive; Ruth Avenue and Clifton Drive.

Catch basins were cleaned on the following streets: Maple Street; Begley Street; Spencer Street; Bridge Street; High Street; Cooley Street; Ottawa Street; Walnut Street; Moore Street; Howard Street; River Street; Leonard Street; Springfield Street; Cooper Street; Alhambra Circle North & South and Suffield Street.

41 sewer connections were made during the year and 298 plugged sewers were cleared.

WATER SECTION

New water lines were installed on the following streets: Warren Street; Fenton Street and Corey Street.

57 new water connections were made. 36 Water lines renewed, 40 water breaks were repaired and 359 miscellaneous complaints were taken care of.

RUBBISH

There are 10 established rubbish routes and rubbish is picked up every two weeks in each section. The usual spring clean up detail was held in April.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Our three year garbage contract expired on December 31, 1965 and a new contract for one year has been executed for 1966. Garbage is picked up by our contractor once a week throughout the Town.

EQUIPMENT

Extensive and costly repairs were made on the street sweeper and grader during the year. A new pick-up truck was purchased. In accordance with our policy to replace old equipment, we are hoping to purchase a 6 yard sand spreader body and an air compressor and a cab and chassis four a four yard dump body during 1966 if approved by the Town meeting.

ENGINEERING SECTION

The Engineering Department continued in it's main function of supplying all information and services necessary to complete the construction projects accomplished by Town forces. Town engineering information was disseminated to the general public and the engineering work accomplished for the Town Warrant article estimates, betterment assessments, street acceptances and utility expansion studies. The department also coordinated with the Planning Board on sub-division approval and construction quality control.

In addition to its main duties, the department designed and supervised the construction of sanitary sewers on Ruth Avenue; Clifton Drive; Merrell Drive and Meadowbrook Road.

Donald J. Campbell
Superintendent

Police Department

The year 1965 was a very active one for your Police Department. As Chief of the Department, I wish to express my fullest appreciation to the entire force. Their cooperation and their loyal performance to duty is to be commended.

In June the Chiefs of Police of Western Massachusetts formulated plans for cooperation and assistance during any emergency under "Mutual Aid" in compliance with the State and Federal law. These plans have been enacted with a training program which includes regular and Auxiliary Police in conjunction with members of four surrounding communities.

One of the highlights of the Memorial Day exercises was the presentation of a new Pontiac Ambulance by the "Jay Cees" who headed the Ambulance Fund Drive. Since the inauguration of emergency ambulance service by the Town in 1947, the Police have assisted to and from the hospitals a total of 5,040 persons. In 1965 alone, this department accommodated 370 persons. The members of your Police Department are proud to be part of this community service.

I. Your Police Department's Activity Report for the year 1965.

	1963	1964	1965
Recovered Property	\$46,618.82	\$54,419.73	\$52,894.54
Revolver Permits	266.00	244.00	172.00
Ambulance Cases	329.00	342.00	370.00
Medical Transports	253.00	267.00	215.00
Missing Persons	46.00	27.00	54.00
House Checks	231.00	241.00	236.00
Business Checks	668.00	668.00	690.00
Complaints	1,803.00	2,009.00	2,407.00
Dog Complaints	442.00	324.00	314.00

II. Criminal Report and Arrests.

In viewing the following report, it is interesting to note an increase in COMPLAINTS, MORE SERIOUS CRIMES, and the number of ARRESTS over that of 1964. This is a National trend and unfortunately Agawam was not spared. The increase of complaints on criminal investigations is reflected in the decrease of our traffic enforcement. With the limited of men, it is necessary to decrease the work load of one phase of police duty in order to increase the man power to the more serious phase as needed.

	1964	1965
Arrests (total persons)	267	345
Against Persons (types of arrests).....	7	19
Property	35	43
Public Order	225	283
Dispositions		
Guilty	239	284
Not Guilty	27	27
Pending	1	20
Turned over to Other Depts.	25	14
Traffic Enforcement		
Court Action	354	260
Warnings	57	100
Registry	87	89
Accidents Total	240	298
Personal Injury	125	158
Property Damage	115	140
Fatal	3	0
Persons Injured	173	225

When your neighbor is away from home, take notice of their house and notify the police of any unusual happenings or strangers in your area. It is only through this type of cooperation that we can hope to curb this continuing upward trend of crime. We still have copies of "Guardians of Your Property and Welfare" for those new residents who have not obtained them.

III. Safety Officers Report.

Sgt. Howard R. Minor reported that during the past eight months since his appointment as Safety Officer he has met with many parents and civic groups as well as visiting the public schools and private kindergartens kindergartens where he has shown films and discussed the need for safety education. He has also participated by riding the school busses to observe the conduct of students both off and on the busses.

Sgt. Minor attended a three day seminar for Safety Officers at the Westfield State College, and in November he attended a session with Chief Grady and Capt. Borgatti and law enforcement officials at Leeds Hospital in Northampton to learn how to recognize and handle mentally disturbed persons.

Safety Officer Minor reports that during the fall an extensive survey of the street lighting needs for Agawam was made with a representative of the Western Mass. Electric Company and recommendations were forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for action. Special emphasis was given to areas which have been the scene of accidents or crimes—especially house breaks. Unfortunately some of these areas are private ways and little can be done at this time. Statistics show that the incidence of crime and accidents are lessened where adequate lighting is provided.

The services of Safety Officer Minor is available to any individual or group at any time and any inquiry would be welcomed

I wish to express my thanks to the Police Commissioners, our Citizens, other Town Departments, Auxiliary Police, and neighboring Police Departments for their splendid cooperation and assistance in striving to make our Town a better place in which to work, play, and live.

R. Kenneth Grady, Police Chief

Photo by Springfield Union



Under the presidency of Brian McNal, the Agawam Jaycee's were presented the problem of obtaining a new ambulance for the Town of Agawam. The local chapter accepted and immediately set forth to accomplish this goal. The Board of Selectman proclaimed the week of October 17 as Agawam Ambulance Week and a committee was formed with Fred Robbins, Charles Brantley and Ron Carroll. After a successful canvas of local residents, organizations and businesses the goal was realized and delivery was made on May 17th. Charles Brantley, newly-elected President of the Jaycees formally presented the ambulance to the town on Memorial Day. Accepting the keys from Mr. Brantley is Chairman of the Board of Selectman Raymond Charest. Observing the ceremony is Chief of Police Kenneth Grady, left, Patrolman Walter Letellier, behind the wheel and Town Clerk Brandon Letellier.

Fire Department

In the year 1965 the fire department responded to 405 alarms. These alarms are divided into the following categories.

Buildings	62	Grass-Brush	239
Emergency	39	Vehicles	44
Needless	16	False Alarms	5

The year 1965 had 93 calls less than the previous year. This included a drop in fire loss to property and contents. It is my hope this will continue through 1966.

TOTAL RUNS MADE BY EACH STATION

North Agawam station No. 1	288
Feeding Hills Station No. 2	152
Agawam Center Station No. 3	206

Due to the lack of manpower in Stations 2 and 3, Station 1 has to respond to assist in combating forest and building fires.

On November 4, 1965, Agawam requested help through Mutual Aid for a forest fire on Meadow St. West Springfield responded with two pumpers. This call aided in protecting homes on Hunt, Frank and Kirkland Streets. In June, Agawam requested Suffield, Conn. and Southwick, Mass. to stand by to protect the sections from Suffield St. and Silver St. to Shoemaker Lane and Silver St. due to the water shortage. It is a great feeling to know that towns surrounding our community will assist us at no cost to our taxpayers.

APPARATUS

1966 Maxim 1,000 Gal. Pumper	1949 Seagrave Pumper
1962 Chev. Station Wagon	1948 Seagrave Pumper
1954 Ford (Seagrave)	1946 American LaFrance Pumper
1930 International Pumper	

The new truck was to be delivered on January 10, 1966. The public is invited to see this apparatus at Station No. 1.

RECEIPTS

Receipts totaling \$89.00 have been received for oil burner permits and this sum has been turned over to the Town Treasurer's Office.

FIRE LOSSES

Total valuation of buildings and contents where fires occurred was \$59,420.00. Total loss on buildings and contents paid through insurance amounted to \$12,480.39.

INSPECTION FOR 1965

Oil Burners	58	Wilson's Rest Home	7
L.P. Gas	44	Old Age Home Fire Alarm Tests	12
Storage Tanks	14	Places of Public Assembly	38
Repeat Calls on above	48	Businesses and Industry	492
School Inspections	24	Violations and Complaints	52
School Fire Drills	30	Notices of Fire Hazards	39
Church Inspections	25	Repeat Calls for Above	84
Inspections of Migrant Workers Camp		10	

RECOMMENDATIONS

Again in 1966 I am asking for manpower, apparatus and equipment in order to meet the requirements of the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association. Working on a long range plan this department needs three more men in Station No. 2 and No. 3. Having these men we will then comply with the Rating Association's minimum requirements.

We recommend that a paid Deputy Chief be appointed in order that at least one chief officer be on duty at all times.

We also ask that a new pumper be purchased for Station No. 3 replacing the 1946 American LaFrance and another pumper to replace the 1930 International at Station No. 2.

A new station be constructed in Feeding Hills in the vicinity of Springfield, Westfield and Southwick Street. My recommendations are on Springfield Street East of the center and not over five hundred feet north or south on Westfield Street. This is in accordance with the Fire Insurance Rating Association's recommendations Section No. 24 and past correspondence.

I wish to extend my thanks to the permanent and call men of the department for the splendid cooperation and hard work I have received again in 1965, I feel a great pride in working with such a group who may risk their lives for the protection of life and property in our town.

Harry W. Schneider,
Fire chief



Fire Chief Harry Schneider reviews controls on new Agawam's Fire Truck with Lt. William DeForge and Firefighter Renzo Ceccarini.

Whiting Street Fund Trustees

This fund, often mistaken as the name of a particular street, was established by, and in the name of, Whiting Street a philanthropist living in Northampton. his will stipulated that certain towns in western Massachusetts be the recipient of a sum of money, the income only, to be used for the purpose of "tiding over" any family which had run into hard times temporarily and were able to prove to the satisfaction of the trustees that they could otherwise qualify for town aid.

The trustees in the year just completed granted aid in the amount of \$916.25 for such diversified help as hospital costs, dental care for four children, rent and moving costs.

Building Department

This past year (1965) has been the largest dollar growth in new construction of record in Agawam.

This Department issued 335 permits in 1965. The least number issued in the past 15 or more years and yet in dollar value we have more than doubled each year of the past 10 years except 1959 which was \$3,974,567.00. Note figures below:

YEAR	PERMITS	VALUE
1955	393	\$2,524,462.00
1956	418	2,887,564.00
1957	404	2,332,785.00
1958	362	2,672,875.00
1959	348	3,974,567.00
1960	339	2,497,882.00
1961	376	1,873,000.00
1962	375	2,462,539.00
1963	353	3,072,818.00
1964	343	2,947,052.00
TOTAL 1965 BUSINESS DONE FROM THIS OFFICE		
18 Apartments — 529 Units		4,345,400.00
24 Businesses		272,075.00
113 Dwellings		1,400,930.00
23 Garages		22,500.00
114 Additions & Alterations		179,665.00
43 Miscellaneous		43,338.00
335	TOTAL	\$ 6,263,908.00
27 Demolish		510.00
362		\$ 6,264,418.00

These figures show a definite work load increase.

The inspections in 1965 reached over the 1.450 mark. Added to the inspections are 4 hours office time each day — reviewing plans for approval for code requirements, zone by-law requirements and safety. The load increase on complaints, violations periodic inspections to business establishments for any infractions of safety laws. Estimating live and dead loads for the number of persons in a place of public assembly.

We have started the New Year (1966) with a half million dollars in permits for new construction.

Apartment and Business growth is a healthy tax base that Agawam sorely needs, reasonable Zone changes should be given every consideration on Town Meeting floor.

Zone changes should be based on the value to the community as a whole and not the voice of several people who are the least informed on Municipal Administration.

For many years speakers on Town Meeting floor have quoted figures which they believed, but were lacking in base.

The concensus prevelant is the average home has 2 to 3 children in the schools and that the cost to educate them exceeds the amount of taxes we collect from homes, this is not so.

If the Town Meeting members review the Town Reports of the past 12 years they will find the number of homes averaged 432 more than students in the school system. This we have done and the results are listed below.....

Homes	Students	Year	School Cost To Town	More Homes
3,180	2,477	1953	\$ 364,008.77	703
3,260	2,617	1954	428,267.58	643
3,515	2,850	1955	498,989.39	665
3,685	3,114	1956	623,375.86	571
3,813	3,358	1957	765,444.43	455
3,941	3,547	1958	900,260.38	394
4,050	3,605	1959	953,891.24	445
4,133	3,729	1960	1,081,519.78	404
4,183	3,880	1961	1,114,442.16	303
4,272	4,111	1962	1,217,531.56	161
4,366	4,151	1963	1,348,145.46	215
4,467	4,243	1964	1,441,683.05	224
4,563	4,389	1965	1,550,291.35	96

You will note students from apartments are considered in the total enrollment but we have not added the number of apartments units as dwellings. Once for all it should be understood that homes and apartments while raising the school budget also pays more than its own way for education and all other services.

It should be familiar to many in Town who could look back to when Business, Industry and Apartments were rare as taxable income properties.

This Department sees a healthy turnover of the tax base. In the next several years commercial properties will be carrying the major portion of the tax load to the relief of the home owner. Much of this depends on the sound judgement of the Planning Board and the Town Meeting members. Their guide should be "Is it good for the Community as a whole."

Valentine R. Moreno, Inspector

Cemetery Commission

The Cemetery Commissioners have met periodically during the year to plan the maintenance of the Town controlled cemeteries.

Federal Hill Cemetery	Cooper Street
Maple Grove Cemetery	Southwick Street
Houghton Cemetery	So. Westfield Street
Training School Cemetery	So. Westfield Street

The mowing, trimming of grass and raking of leaves was let out to contract as has been done in the past. A contract was let for the installation of a four foot high chain link fence around the South Westfield Street Cemetery. This also included a double gate and one pedestrian gate.

Agawam Housing Authority

It is our hope that in the coming year we will be able to paint more of the fences that are in need of maintenance attention.

The new development of Housing for the Elderly at 886 Main Street was successfully begun this past year. Due to the large number of applicants awaiting housing, permission was granted by the Town and the State Division of Housing to construct 52 units instead of the original plan of 40. The dwelling units will be housed four apartments to a building making 13 buildings and a Community Building.

Plans were drawn and put out to bid in May. On June 10 the bids were opened and the lowbidder was the Leo Spear Construction Company of Springfield, Mass. in the amount of \$601,900.00. The low bidder was approved by the State Division of Housing on July 9 and on July 20 the contract was signed at the Housing Offices in Boston. A proceed order was given the General Contractor by this Authority on July 23. Actual work was started about August 1.

As this report is being written all thirteen buildings have been erected and the exterior brickwork has been completed. The Community Building has been framed and the brickwork nearly completed. Most of the roofs have been shingled. This project is expected to be ready for occupancy in June of 1966.

Due to the extreme water shortage, it is the opinion of this Authority that an artesian well, for the purpose of watering the lawns and shrubbery, should be installed at this project while it is under construction. This is deemed essential to good project maintenance. However the request for this equipment has been denied by the State. It is planned to appeal this decision, since we cannot justify the spending of thousands of dollars for lawns and trees only to let them die for lack of water. It is our firm conviction, based on the opinions of most meteorologists, that there is no relief in sight.

Once again we wish to point out that tenants are selected for all public housing under our jurisdiction by selection from applications on hand by a majority vote of the Housing Board. We are required to accept an application from anyone who is a citizen and a legal resident of the Commonwealth but naturally preference is given to local people. Other qualifications for residency may be obtained from the housing office.

Admission and occupancy income limits for elderly housing as set by the State Division of Housing are as follows:

	Admission Limits	Continued Occupancy Limits
Single Individuals	\$2500.00 Per Year	\$3125.00 Per Year
Couples	\$3000.00 Per Year	\$3750.00 Per Year

The above refers to income from all sources.

At our elderly project in Feeding Hills, Country View Apartments, we had two vacancies this year which were filled from the applications on file.

Also at this project we have been subject to roof leaks at the built in wood gutters for some time. After consultations with the Architect and the roofing Contractor it was determined that apparently the copper flashing had not been installed in accordance with the plans and specifications. Legal advice was sought and a suit is pending to recover the necessary funds to correct the faulty workmanship.

At our veterans housing project, Joseph J. Brady Village, on Springfield Street, we have dispensed with the position of part-time Custodian which has been in effect since the project was built, for reasons of economy, choosing to sub-contract work until our new elderly project is complete at which time we shall have to hire additional maintenance help and be able to cover this project in a more practical manner.

We have presented to the State Division of Housing a long-range program for the exteriors of the twelve buildings of this project with two objectives in mind: (1) To eliminate as much painting as possible and (2) to enhance the appearance of the project. We have proposed use of Vinyl plastic clapboard siding to be installed on two buildings as soon as possible and eventually to cover all except the two duplex buildings in front which have cedar shingles and hold paint very well. In 1966 we plan to paint the two duplex buildings and the sash, trim, doors etc., on the rest of the buildings. These proposals have been well received by the Division of Housing and permission has been received to cover buildings #1 and #2 on Franklin Street. Bids have been received and a contract is in process for this work.

During the year there were 12 vacancies which were filled from the applications on file.

The State Division of Housing has advised that income and continued occupancy limits on veterans housing may be raised if permission is first obtained to do so. This Authority has not felt the need to proceed in this instance and therefore are operating on the schedule listed below. In brackets are the new limits.

	Admission Limits	Continued Occupancy Limits
Minor Dependents		
One or Less	\$4500.00 (\$4800.00)	\$5000.00 (\$5500.00)
Two	\$4700.00 (\$5000.00)	\$5200.00 (\$5700.00)
*Three or More	\$4900.00 (\$5200.00)	\$5400.00 (\$5900.00)

*In computing rents the Division of Housing has given permission for a \$200.00 deduction from total family income for each minor dependent in excess of three.

The average cost of shelter rent for two or three bedroom units (without heat or hot water charges) is \$47.14 per month.

This Authority has paid to the Town of Agawam this year in lieu of taxes the sum of \$1,584.00. Financial statements for project 200-C (Veterans) and 667-1 (Elderly) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1965 are included with this report.

We feel that significant progress has been made this year both in elderly and veterans housing and we wish to express our appreciation to all those people who helped make this possible.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1965

PROJECT 200-C

ASSETS

ADMINISTRATION FUND		\$ 8,138.98
PETTY CASH		25.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Tenants	\$ 2,009.50	
State Aid	875.00	
Sundry	354.36	3,238.86
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS — Gas Boiler Installation		6,353.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND 200-1	\$ 9,100.00	
DEBT SERVICE FUND 200-2	106.30	9,206.30
INVESTMENTS — Sch. I		37,317.93
DEBT SERVICE TRUST FUND		771.78
PREPAID INSURANCE		1,080.09
DEVELOPMENT COSTS	\$471,000.00	
Less: Development Cost Liquidation	124,000.00	347,000.00
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$413,131.94
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LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
Gas Installation	\$ 6,353.00	
Misc.	1,412.34	\$ 7,765.34
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EMPLOYEES WITHHOLDING		137.63
ACCRUALS		
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1,188.00	
Matured Interest & Principal 200-1	9,100.00	
Matured Interest & Principal 200-2	1,351.50	11,639.50
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TENANTS SECURITY DEPOSITS		1,432.00
PREPAID RENTS		70.50
BONDS AUTHORIZED	\$471,000.00	
Less: Bonds Retired	124,000.00	347,000.00
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RESERVES		
Debt Service 200-1	\$ 12,168.37	
Debt Service 200-2	5,722.30	
Unamortized Bond Premium	1,771.78	
Operating Reserve	21,540.59	41,183.66
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SURPLUS		3,883.93
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		\$413,131.94
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AGAWAM HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

OPERATING STATEMENT
PROJECT 200-C
For The Period Ended September 30, 1965

INCOME

Shelter Rent	\$ 24,894.00
Utility Charges to Tenants	8,851.50
Miscellaneous Project Income	1,457.27
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TOTAL PROJECT INCOME	\$ 35,202.77

EXPENSE

Administrative Salaries & Service	\$ 2,450.24
Other Administrative Expense	1,028.80
Compensation to Housing Authority Members.	688.02
Water	1,164.79
Electricity	517.92
Gas — Heat & Hot Water	9,565.25
Personal Services — Repairs & Maint.	3,395.04
Materials & Supplies — Repairs & Main.	902.65
Contractural Services — Repairs	1,979.10
Insurance Expense	1,017.30
Contribution to Pension Funds	137.28
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,587.00
Provision for Operating Reserves	2,112.00
Debt Service Requirements	16,511.45
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TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 43,093.84
DEFICIT (Before State Aid)	\$ 7,891.07
STATE AID — Commonwealth Contribution	
Commonwealth Contribution	\$ 11,775.00
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SURPLUS	\$ 3,883.93

SCHEDULE I — INVESTMENTS

PROJECT 200-C

Worcester Federal Savings	\$ 4,365.65
Debt Service Trust Fund—U.S. Treasury Notes	1,000.00
Union Federal Savings	9,690.78
Springfield Institution for Savings	7,988.15
Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank	3,738.95
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	\$ 37,317.93

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1965

PROJECT 667-1

ASSETS

ADMINISTRATION FUND	\$	4,206.37
PETTY CASH		100.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		779.99
INVEST — Hampden Savings Bank		18,211.36
PREPAID INSURANCE		1,475.64
DEVELOPMENT COSTS	\$495,000.00	
Less: Development Cost Liquidation	28,000.00	467,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$491,773.36</u>

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$	5,387.13
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING		159.18
NOTES AUTHORIZED		\$495,000.00
Less: Notes Retired.....	28,000.00	467,000.00
MATURED INTEREST & PRINCIPAL		176.61
DEBT SERVICE RESERVE		4,898.50
OPERATING RESERVE		10,614.62
SURPLUS		3,890.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS		<u>\$491,773.36</u>

OPERATING STATEMENT

PROJECT 667-1

For the Period Ended September 30, 1965

INCOME

Shelter Rent	\$	17,880.00
Utility Charges to Tenants		9,000.00
Miscellaneous Project Income		882.11
TOTAL PROJECT INCOME		<u>\$ 26,880.00</u>

EXPENSE

Administrative Salaries & Services	\$	2,449.73
Other Administrative Expense		538.05
Water		340.48
Electricity		6,912.11
Electricity (Washers & Dryers)		193.05
Personal Services — Repairs & Maintenance		2,426.40
Materials & Supplies — Repairs & Maintenance		694.91

Insurance Expense	482.56
Contribution to Pension Funds	137.28
Provision for Operating Reserves	1,440.00
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	1,632.00
Debt Service Requirements	19,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 36,246.57
DEFICIT (Before State Aid)	\$ 8,484.46
STATE AID	\$ 12,375.00
Commonwealth Contribution	\$ 3,890.54
SURPLUS	

Golden Age Officers at an executive board meeting of the club:



Left to right, Joseph Huley, Vice President, Mrs. Etta Stetson, Secretary and Edson Ferrell, President.

Electrical Inspector

The Big jump in Agawam his past year has been the construction of many multi-family apartments. A large amount which have gone all electric.

As townfolks insist in following the national trend, this is what has happened electrically in Agawam in 1965 and will continue through 1966.

Thirteen per cent of all new single family dwellings and conversion of many of the older residences are now listed as being heated electrically.

In the battle of the fuels "with electric hot water catching on" about 66% of the new homes will have electric hot water heaters installed in them.

Electric range installations are consistently climbing and will soon reach the 50% mark. Electric dryers will be in nearly 60% of all homes in Agawam. Central air conditioning and unitary systems have shown a large increase in multi-family and single dwelling structures.

On my inspection tour, 17 multi-family apartments will offer 529 dwelling units that will require 1058 inspections, two inspections per unit. The electric services will need 34 inspections either before approval or/and after rejection.

There were 113 permits issued for new homes that will require three visits per dwelling for a total of 339 visits. In other catagories 412 electric permits to do electrical work was taken out by various electrical contractors. The type of work involved was service changes, installation of electric dryers and washers, hot water heaters, renovations, additions, recreation rooms, factories, temporary services, and many others. After 1843 inspections my tour has ended.

Constant watch of fire damaged homes have been of considerable concern to me over the past year. Swimming pools and work done by improper people, not qualified or licensed to do electrical work, who do not know of the dangers involved have required and received my constant vigilance.

The Western Mass. Electric Co., is constantly increasing its facilities through new construction outlays for high speed generators—driven by high pressure steam and atomic power. In 1966 electric utilities will provide 304 billion KWH of electricity (an increase of 41 billion KWH over 1965) that Agawam and the rest of the nation will enjoy through electric luxuries.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the board of selectmen, to the personnel of the building and other departments, to the personnel of the Fire and Police Depts. who have so graciously assisted me this past year.

George C. Sherman
Inspector of Wires

Planning Board

The planning Board held 13 regular meetings and 10 special meetings and wishes to thank all members of government for their cooperation within the past year.

Below is a progress report on the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional District Commission.

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning District Commission

Regional Planning is the comprehensive planning for areas containing a large urban concentration where the dominant economic, social and physical factors over-arch local and, in some cases, even state boundaries.

The LPVRPDC seeks the creation and implementation of a unified plan (including development policies) for land use, density and physical design; the provision and coordination of open space and wise use of natural resources.

The hopes and proposals undertaken by th LPVRPDC in 1965 saw considerable fulfillment with the securing of a full time professional staff to assist in attaining these goals.

The year saw the completion and distribution of six (6) regional surveys and studies to the twenty six towns and cities which comprise the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional District.

They were:

1. Populaton Report
2. Regional Economy Survey
3. Zoning and Sub-division Control Report
4. Inventory of Educational Institutions
5. Housing Survey Inventory
6. Hospitals, Health and Welfare Report

Harold A. Gaffney, Jr.
Chairman

Personnel Board

With the cooperation of the Board of Selectman and the Finance Committee in 1964, the Personnel Board engaged an outside professional consultant to prepare a Wage and Salary Plan and a Classification Study for the employees of the Town of Agawam.

No pay raises were recommended but several adjustments in job classifications were recommended to eliminate inequities in former classifications.

Substantial revisions to the Personnel By-laws were all passed at the 1965 Town Meeting, copies of the revised Personnel By-laws were printed and distributed to all town employees.

The Personnel Board met with the Personnel Director on a regularly scheduled basis as well as for many special meetings. The total number of meetings during the calendar year, 1965, was forty-two.

Gordon H. Chandler,
Chairman

Board of Appeals

Twenty-five petitions asking variations from the requirements of the Zoning By-Laws or the Building Code were filed with the Board during 1965.

One petition was withdrawn, two were denied, four were cancelled, fourteen were granted, three are being acted upon and one is pending. In several cases where the petition was granted, the Board included in the Decision such restrictions as they considered necessary to protect the best interest of the Town and Neighborhood.

We wish once more to remind persons considering the purchase of a building lot or existing buildings to make sure that they may have for the future use of the property are in compliance with the various By-Laws of the Town as well as the various State Laws involved.

Every year for some time past, the Board has had frequent petitions for variations of side lot requirements to allow the addition of garage and/or breezeway to an existing dwelling. The Board is able to grant a variance on comparatively few of these petitions because the Courts have ruled that if a garage can be located on the lot in such a manner as to comply with the requirements of the Zoning By-Laws, the desire of an owner to have it attached to the house is not a sufficient reason to grant a variation.

Lack of the consideration of the conditions cannot be considered a legal "Hardship." It is absolutely necessary to prove "Hardship" before any variation can be granted.

Julio Alvigini
Chairman



Sealer of Weights and Measures

Your Sealer of Weights and Measures was elected president of the Massachusetts Weight & Measures Association in October 1964. This recognition has been conferred on only four other part-time Sealers in the 70 year history of the Association and for the first time to a Sealer from Western Massachusetts.

During the 1964-65 term it was the privilege of your Sealer to attend area conferences in Boston, Hartford, New York and the National Conference in Washington D.C. During this period presentations were made at legislative hearings to the Massachusetts Committee on Mercantile Affairs and the Committee on Public Service.

In October 1965, the Annual Conference for Massachusetts was held at Northampton, Mass. This was the largest Annual Conference ever held in this State. The agenda included 17 major addresses and demonstrations of weighing and measuring equipment.

The following is submitted as this department's annual report for 1965:

WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES

Adjusted	127
Sealed	829
Not Sealed	14
Condemned	25
Total	995

TRIAL WEIGHINGS AND MEASUREMENTS OF COMMODITIES SOLD OR PUT UP FOR SALE

Number Correct	1104
Under Weights	93
Over Weight	137
Total Number Tested	1334

OTHER INSPECTIONS

Pedler's Licenses	14
Marking of Bread	97
Marking of Food Packages	1237
Clinical Thermometers	267
Glass Graduates	43
Manufacturers Sealed Oil Jars	23
Oil Trucks & Certificates	27
Total	1708

SEALERS WORK SUMMARY

Devices Sealed Adjusted Condemned	995
Trial Weighings and Measurements	1334
Inspections	1708
Total	4073

SEALING FEES COLLECTED AND TURNED INTO THE TOWN TREASURY

\$678.40

Louis D. Draghetti

Board of Public Welfare

Board meetings have been held periodically and cooperation given to the department. The local Board still administers all forms of Relief adhering to State Laws and Policies in order to receive maximum State and Federal grants.

New lighting has been installed and redecorating done in the welfare offices at a cost to the Town of 25% of the total, the 75% being reimbursed by Federal and State funds.

This Board feels the department is doing excellent work for the needy residents of Agawam and spending the taxpayers' money wisely.

There is a great deal of talk regarding State Administration. There have already been surveys made by private organizations recommending and setting up legislation to come up in the near future to get this approved. We as the Board of Public Welfare for the Town of Agawam feel the administration and the services for needy of this town can be much more effectively handled locally. We do not feel that some one in Boston, or even an area office, can know the needs of our people or serve them immediately when these needs occur.

Also, to our minds administration is far less costly to the tax payer if under local control.

We urge citizens to be aware of this plan and choose carefully the best for local towns, when this legislation comes up.

Samuel Provo
Chairman

Director of Public Welfare

Our task is to see that the financial and other resources available to this department are so used as to be of maximum value to the community and the needy people therein.

People in financial need require many welfare services in addition to public assistance payments because the causes of their poverty are frequently complex. Poor health, illiteracy, lack of vocational training and behavior problems are only a few of the reasons why, in our prosperous society, many are still dependent on public aid.

Many different kinds of services—all falling within the general scope of welfare—are necessary to help people overcome these handicaps and become self sufficient.

Our medical assistance to the aged has increased 100% since January 1, 1965. We are opening new cases each month, and forty percent of these people are in nursing homes permanently. Much time and effort is expended in seeing that these people have the proper care, food, and medical services necessary to keep them comfortable.

Again we wish to express our gratitude to the many individuals and agencies who have contributed a great deal to help us in our services to the less fortunate residents of Agawam.

Edith Larsen
Director

Agawam Clearing House

Again we take this opportunity to thank the various civic groups, churches, clubs, and individuals who have contributed to the less fortunate through the Agawam Clearing House.

We stress the point that by doing charities this way there are not duplications and all families are cared for without losing dignity.

Edith Larsen

Inspector of Plumbing

In the Year of 1965 the Plumbing Department received 817 applications for Plumbing. There were 222 gas applications, 148 sewer applications and 447 plumbing applications. This required an average of 41 hours per week and an average mileage of 132 miles per week. The rules and regulations of the Plumbing Codes in Cities and Towns are now under State jurisdiction as is the Gas Code. I wish to thank Louis Plante for his conscientious assistance in making Plumbing inspections, the late Charles Ferrero also was invaluable to this Department.

George Draghetti
Plumbing Inspector

Health Department

Why a Health Department? The answer is that in certain fields there is a need for specialization, for technical knowledge, and for continuity of program that can be met only by a specially trained, specially qualified professional body. Such a body advances the development of the law, gathers and disseminates vital and health statistics, advances health education, elevates living standards through environmental sanitation, furnishes laboratory services, reports and investigates communicable disease and insures proper maternal and child health.

In 1965, the Health Department attempted to function effectively in all major categories of health. Programs were conducted of Tuberculin Testing, Well Baby Clinics, Rabies Clinics, Health Counseling and Measles Immunization Clinic. The Diptheria and Tetanus Program for school children was continued as well as a modified Mosquito Spray Program.

Again in 1965 Malathion was the insecticide of choice used by the Health Department in combating insects of Public Health importance. The nuisance of mosquitoes remains the prime reason for spraying; however, the program is geared to control flies, ants, cockroaches, gnats, biting midges, and other crawling insects. A total of 2,937.74 acres were sprayed. This includes an 800 acre lava spray and two 1,068.87 acre adult spray. The acres sprayed are directly proportioned to the money appropriated at the annual Town Meeting. Malathion is virtually harmless to wild life and is only half as strong as DDT. What is gained in safety is lost in long lasting effectiveness. The total cost of the program was \$2,998.84.

Health cost the Town of Agawam 0.8 of 1% of the total budget again in 1965. This rate has remained constant for two years and no increase is anticipated in 1966. The following fees were collected during the year 1965.

11 — Methyl Alcohol	11.00	3 — Pasteurization	30.00
53 — Milk Store	26.50	22 — Oleomargarine	30.00
18 — Milk Vehicle	9.00	1 — Stable	1.00
8 — Motel & Cabin	4.00	3 — Kindergarten	30.00
1 — Recreation Camp	.50	3 — Frozen Dessert	15.00
1 — Trailer Park	.50	3 — Slaughter	300.00
Trailer Fees	1,612.00	Nurses Fees	455.75
TOTAL LICENSES & FEES \$2,506.25			

Clifton Drive, Meadowbrook Road, Merrell Drive, Ruth Avenue, and Howard Street sewers were accepted this year to complete another large complex of the Town. The total gravitational area of town is approximately 85% sewerded. Additional sewers will most likely necessitate a pumping station. In accordance with the environmental health program of sewers, approximately 50% of the South Street brook was surveyed for the removal of all unsanitary pipes from the brook. The remainder of the brook will be surveyed in the spring of 1966.

As stated in the 1964 report, the rat irradiation program was initiated. The inner and outer brooks of the shopping center were cleaned and baited. It would appear the baiting was effective as all rodent complaints from this area have ceased. An additional four homeowners contacted the Health Department regarding rodents. Much counsel and baiting was required to eliminate these trouble spots.

The tuberculin "Tine Test" has been postponed until March 1966. The State Division of Tuberculosis has started a program effective January, 1966 of supplying Tine Test material free of charge to Boards of Health. Our program was postponed to take advantage of this. A savings of \$200.00 should be realized. The "Tine Test" is administered by puncturing the skin with four stainless steel tines attached to a plastic holder. The tines are coated with a predetermined amount of testing serum. The test is painless and not frightening to children. Each test unit is disposable, and all possible danger to cross infection is eliminated. Reactors are read two days later and positive results are followed up by x-ray. Starting with 1966 only the first and ninth grades will be tested as suggested by the State Health Department. Parents are urged to have their children tested when the announcements are sent home from school.

The Diptheria and Tetanus booster program was continued this year with the cooperation of the school Department. One hundred seventy (170) fifth graders or an increase of 24 children took part. One hundred sixty five (165) freshmen, a decrease of 19, received immunization. The total program protected 335 children from these two diseases. Although there was an increase of 5 children, this program remains about as effective as last year. This is not effective enough. Twenty-five to thirty percent of the freshmen are not protected. Parents are urged to contact their family doctor and have their children receive immunization this year, particularly if their children have not received shots since their triple-shots as babies. This is also good advice for adult women and boosters needed for x-service men.

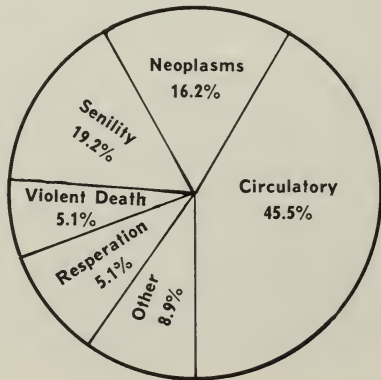
In 1965, the Agawam Council Parent Teachers Association sponsored a Measles immunization clinic for children 7 years of age and under. A survey was made in the schools of the first and some second grades to evaluate the need of this program. It was found that 22% of the school children needed protection. This figure was projected against the total births in Agawam during the period of interest and it was determined that approximately 469 school and pre-school children needed measles immunization. An intensive education and advertisement program was carried out to inform the people of the dangers of secondary infection and complication in a case of measles.

It was pointed out that an epidemic of measles was expected of 420 cases in Agawam. Out of this 420 cases, 70 children were expected to suffer a secondary complication of croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, myocarditis, encyopyelitis or death. And the slogan of "Save the Seventy" was put into effect. The program was run for two Sundays, with the help of all the local doctors, Boy Scout Troop 89 and volunteers from the Agawam Council Parent Teachers Association.

A total of 411 immunizations were given or an outstanding 87.7 percent participation in the program. It is felt that the epidemic curve is broken and if new parents will have their children immunized against measles, this dread disease can be eliminated from Agawam once and for all.

In 1965, 228 dogs were protected against rabies. A new outbreak was recorded this year in Rhode Island. The ever increasing reports of rabies in New England indicates the importance of close surveillance needed of the dog and wild life population. All citizens are urged to have their dogs immunized against rabies and not allow them to run loose during the time children are going to and returning from school.

This year one hundred six deaths occurred, sixty-one males (57.7%) died, while only forty-five (42.3%) females died. More males dying than females is the usual trend, both in this Town and the nation as a whole. The difference this year is 15+%. This is a little higher than expected, but it averages out over the years. As usual, heart disease remains the number one killer with a death rate of 45.5%. Cancer claims second place with 16.2%. Violent deaths have decreased and no automobile deaths were noted this year. Respiratory diseases have again increased. The evidence of air pollution and smoking grows each year and there is a corresponding increase of deaths due to lung ailments. The hand writing is on the wall. The five leading causes of death are as follows:



Causes of death are as follows:

I. Cancer and other Tumors	18
2 Brain Cancer	1 Cancer of Stomach
1 Cancer of Throat	4 Cancer of Intestines
5 Generalized Cancer	3 Cancer of Lungs
1 Leukemia	1 Cancer of Breast
II. Disease of Digestive System	5
3 Gastric Ulcer	2 Cirosis of Liver
III. Diseases of the Circulatory System	63
7 Coronary Sclerosis	13 Cerebro Vascular
11 Myo Cardiac	1 Heart Failure
4 Coronary Thrombosis	18 Arteriosclerosis
5 Coronary Occlusion	2 Rheumatic Heart
1 Guillian Barre	1 Ruptured Aorta
IV. Diseases of Respiratory System	5
2 Pneumonia	3 Emphysema
V. Debility of Old Age	1
VI. Diseases Peculiar to 1st year of Life	2
1 Circum Vallante Placenta	1 Hyoline Membrane
VII. Suicides	5
VIII. Diseases of Urinary System	7
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TOTAL	106

The two infant deaths are listed below. This is a decrease of four over last year.

It can be noted (see chart below) that ten more males (39) died between the age of 60 yrs. to over 80 yrs. than females (32). Of the death rate, thirty percent of the deaths occurred between the ages of 70 yrs. to 80 yrs. Twenty-eight percent occurred over 80 years of age. This means that 58% of the deaths were people over 70 years of age. Sixteen percent of the deaths were people younger than seventy and fourteen percent were younger than sixty. The average age at death was 74.5 years, as compared with last years average of 65.6 years.

Population 1965 — 17,484

MORTALITY RATE BY SEX MONTH AGE

	Total		0-1		1-10		10-20		20-30		30-40		40-50		50-60		60-70		70-80		Over 80	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
January	3	3							1			1	1						1	1		1
February	7	5													2				3	4	2	1
March	8	2	1									2	1	2		2			1			1
April	7	3										2			1	2	1		2	1	1	
May	3	7					1							1	1				1	4		2
June	6	6										1		1	3	2	1				2	2
July	6	3												2		1			1	1	2	2
August	8	3	1												1	3			1	1	3	1
September	3	3										1		1	1						1	2
October	3	6									1	1	2				1	2	1			1
November	6	4											1	1		3			1	1	1	2
December	1																				1	
TOTAL	61	45	2				1		1			2	8	4	10	7	13	3	13	14	13	15

There were 473 Communicable Diseases reported to the Health Department in 1965 compared to 892 in 1964 and 468 in 1963. The epidemic in 1964 was due to German Measles. There was a substantial increase of measles in 1965. This took place in early spring. The measles clinic should reduce the fall cases in 1966 and spring cases of 1967. The next epidemic which is due in 1968 or 1969 should not materialize due to clinic action.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Diseases	Cases 1964	Cases 1965	Compared 1964
Chicken Pox	190	160	— 30
Strep Throat	20	14	— 6
Dog Bite	122	89	+ 33
Cat Bite	1	0	— 1
Chipmunk Bite	1	1	— -
Horse Bite	0	0	+ 1
Measles	34	142	+ 108
German Measles	455	6	— 449
Mumps	55	44	— 11
Menengitis	1	1	— -
Scarlet Fever	10	10	— -
Ringworm	1	0	— 1
Whooping Cough	0	0	— -
Hepatitis	1	1	— -
Tuberculosis	1	0	— 1
Rabbit Bite	0	1	+ 1
Salmonella	0	2	+ 2
Syphilis	0	1	+ 1

Diseases below the seven year average were mumps, german measles, and scarlet fever. Diseases above the seven year average were chicken pox, and measles. Dog bite decreased this year and is more in line with the average. The number of dog bites are still a disgrace on the community.

LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Lake and Pond Water	24	Milk Samples	51
Swimming Pools	6	Ice Balls	12
Tap Water (control)	5	Tap Water	2
Well Water	89	Food Contacts	3

There was a 300% increase in water testing of wells this year. Residents are urged to have their well water tested for purity. Ice-balls were tested this year in the laboratory and were found to be contaminated. Residents are warned to beware of this type of novelty.

Acting in accordance with the General Laws as a Biological Distributing Station, the following materials were distributed, free of charge, to local physicians:

1965 DISTRIBUTION OF THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC MATERIALS

Wasserman Tubes	317	Diphtheria, Pertussis & Tetanus Vaccine	23
Smallpox Vaccine	33	Typhoid Vaccine	6
Tetanus and Typhoid Vaccine	3	Gamma Globulin	77
Diphtheria and Typhoid Vaccine ...	16	Needles	6
Tetanus Vaccine	16	Enteric Containers	6
		Trivalent (oral)	23

Environmental health inspections were made of all bathing beaches, markets, bakeries, dairy farms, farm labor camps, day recreational camps, and schools. Food eating establishments are being inspected as required for licensing under Article X of the Massachusetts Sanitary Code.

This year, if action is favorable at the Annual Town Meeting, the Agawam Health Department hopes to join with Chicopee, Holyoke, South Hadley, Springfield, Westfield, and West Springfield to form the Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control District. The cost of the district will be apportioned one-half on assessed valuation and one-half on population on a three to one basis as provided by the Clean Air Act of 1963, Public Law 88-206. Therefore, for every dollar the Town spends on air pollution the Federal Government will pay three dollars on the same project. To date, a composite sampling net contaminants has been established and meteorological and topographical factors upon air pollution are being studied at **no cost** to the Town. The Cost for continuing this project will be approximately \$500.00 for 1966.

In conclusion, I invite all interested people to visit their Health Department and discuss any part of its program. I thank the Board of Health, the Public Health Doctor, the Public Health Nurses, Mrs. Carr, all the Departments of the Town, and the townspeople for all their help and cooperation.

Robert Carlson
Health Agent



Nurses Josephine Cascella and Stacia Eggbert make preparations to leave Health Office to begin their daily visits to townspeople.

Public Health Nurses

Diagnostic Visits (Bedside Care and Home Nursing)1609
Public Health Visits1967

School Communicable	594	Crippled Children	10
Mental Health	423	Typhoid Fever	30
Family Service	28	Infectious Hepatitis	2
Health Counsel	546	Salmonella	26
First Aid	128	New Active T.B.	10
Premature	40	Follow up Active T.B.	3
Prenatal	22	Follow up Inactive T.B.	9
Post Natal	46	Follow up Contact T.B.	28
Retarded Children	8		

Many calls were made Saturdays, Sundays, Evenings and Holidays.

MEETINGS

- April 7th** — Hampden County Board of Health — “Anti-Poverty Act”
April 29th — Mass. Public Health Association — “Salmonellosis”
October 1st — Springfield Municipal Hospital — “Nursing Responsibilities for Brain Injured Infants and Children”
October 4th — Mass. League for Nursing — “Implication of Medical Care”
November 10th — Boston University — “Federal Concepts and States Implementation of Medical Care Program”
November 16th — Fall In-Service Education Program

WELL CHILD CONFERENCE

The Well Child Conference has a new pediatrician, Dr. Carl Janovsky. The Clinics are held the last Wednesday of the month.

Infants under 1 yr.	9
Children 1 yr. to 4 yrs.	66
Children over 5 yrs.	2
77 Children received medical supervision	
Basic Immunization Completed	
Triple antigen (Diphtheria—Pertussin—Tetanus)	
Infants under 1 yr.	8
Children under 1 yr. to 4 yrs.	18
Children 5 yrs. to 9 yrs.	2
Smallpox Vaccine	
Infants under 1 yr.	8
Children 1 yr. to 4 yrs.	21
Trivalent Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine	
Children 1 yr. to 4 yrs.	12

Finance Committee

During January, 1965, the Finance Committee deliberated many evenings and several week ends studying the financial picture of the town and preparing recommendations for the Annual Town Meeting in February. The acceptance by the Town Meeting representatives of some of the Finance Committee recommendations resulted in a tax rate decrease of \$1.00. If other recommendations had been accepted by the Town Meeting, the tax rate could have decreased as much as \$3.00.

The committee faced an almost complete turn-over of personnel during 1965 with four resignations and one expiration of appointed term.

The committee met eight times during the summer months. A transfer of approximately \$2,300 was made from the Reserve Fund to make up the balance needed for purchase of the fire truck which was authorized at Town Meeting. A transfer of approximately \$4,100 was authorized to provide the Police Department with specialized equipment for "Crowd Control." The disturbances which were erupting throughout the country and the fact that Riverside Park is within the town boundaries made this move appear to be a prudent one.

Several meetings were held with the Board of Selectmen, the Fire Study Commission, and the Supt. of Schools to consider plans for purchasing property in Feeding Hills for a new fire station. The Finance Committee suggested a method for providing funds without the necessity of an appropriation. The proposed purchase was voted down at a Special Town Meeting in view of projected developments in plans of the Library Trustees which were not disclosed to the Finance Committee or other Town Meeting representatives until the Special Meeting.

Since early November, the Committee has held sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings each week, conferring with department heads and discussing 1966 budget requests. Recommendations of the Committee will trim more than \$60,000 from the 1966 budget requests.

The Finance Committee has tried to be fair and impartial to all concerned without regard to town politics. Every effort was expended to serve the best interests of the tax payer without sacrificing the services needed in our growing community.

The Committee has given freely of its time, but we believe a sincere expression of appreciation is deserved by other individuals in this town -- our wives!

Richard G. Shepard
Chairman

Libraries

Library activity continues to gain momentum in spite of cramped quarters and a limited budget. Many of the demands of the students can be met only by drawing heavily on the Western Regional Library System. Readers who formerly had non-resident cards in the Springfield Library are learning the convenience of securing books through their local libraries. During the past year, 1771 requests have been filled.

For the last six months of the year Linda Davis, a High School student, has been working as a library helper. This has relieved the staff of some of the shelving and pasting and permitted them to spend that time on more of the recataloging.

A Summer Reading Club was conducted for eight weeks, a weekly meeting

being held at each library, at which time children reported on books read. Over 100 children enrolled and 63 fulfilled the requirements for certification.

Since re-registration of active borrowers has been completed and duplication eliminated, it is now possible to have an accurate file. A borrower's card secured in any one of the three libraries entitles the person to use any or all of the libraries. The total number of registered borrowers is 3,699, of which 939 are new ones this past year.

With the consolidation of the town's libraries into one library system, it is no longer correct to label the books as belonging to one particular library. All the books are for the use of all the libraries. The total number of volumes owned is 24,116, of this number 1,415 being new books added this year.

The circulation has increased in each library, the grand total being 68, 943, a gain of 5,904 over 1964.

During the year classes have visited the library from the ABC Kindergarten, Pierce School and Robinson School, the total attendance being about 175. The children were given instruction in the use of the library and stories were read to them.

Donald R. Langevin

Council For The Aging

Council for the Aging continued its work in behalf of senior citizens in Agawam during the year 1965. This marked the completion of nine years of liaison between the Golden Age Club, Country View Social Club and all other senior citizens in town. Blue discount cards were distributed to seniors to be used for discounts at certain stores. The "Listening Post" was in session each Tuesday at the Town Hall where a member of the Council listened to any and all problems any senior had; the council member in turn endeavored to steer the senior citizen to the proper channels for the solution to the problem. Over 300 people visited the "Listening Post" during the year 1965 and were assisted by the Council.

During the past year an "Over 90" club was organized and personal visits were made to each and every senior in this age group. The Board of Selectmen declared them "Honorary Citizens" of Agawam; they also declared the third week of September as "Senior Citizens Week" with proper ceremonies held in their honor. Agawam was informed by the Massachusetts Commission on Aging that local "over 90" club is the first club of that nature in the Commonwealth.

The annual Hobby show was held in September at the Junior High School and the annual Christmas party was held in December at Phelps school. Two seniors were chosen for the honor of "Senior Citizen of the Year" and several other awards were made to residents who helped senior citizens beyond the call of duty during 1965. The "Golden Deeds" award was instituted this past year and will be presented annually to a club who does the most for seniors in town; Agawam Junior Women's Club was selected this year to receive the award.

We are looking forward this year to the conclusion of the apartments for the elderly in Agawam Center scheduled for Spring opening. This will give our seniors two apartment complexes, one in Feeding Hills and one in Agawam Center.

Council for the Aging in commencing its tenth year of service to all men and women over 65 in town wishes to take this opportunity of thanking each and every one who helped to make the year 1965 a little brighter for our seniors.

Mrs. Thomas M. Danford,
Chairman



Golden Age members enjoying a dance sponsored by the club: Couple on left, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stetson, couple on right, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Huley, Mr. Stetson may be seen each school day directing the youngsters attending Phelps Street across the street.

Town Meeting Members

	2-20-65 A.M.	2-20-65 P.M.	2-27-65 A.M.	2-27-65 P.M.	3-2-65 A.M.		2-20-65 A.M.	2-20-65 P.M.	2-27-65 A.M.	2-27-65 P.M.	3-2-65 A.M.
PRECINCT 1						Fadgen, Earl W.	X	X	X	X	
Adams, Paul J.	X	X	X	X	X	Fearn, William F.	X	X	X	X	X
Balboni, Kenneth		X				Granger, Sydney C.	X		X	X	X
Balboni, Ronald		X		X	X	Hanks, John King	X	X			
Balboni, Walter A.	X	X	X	X		Karakla, Francis T.	X	X	X	X	X
Bassanti, Benjamin S.	X	X		X	X	Kerr, Arthur W.	X	X	X	X	X
Bellano, Albert W.	X	X	X	X	X	Kerr, Paul R.	X	X	X		
Berta, Peter J.	X	X		X	X	Kerr, Walter T.	X	X	X	X	X
Borgatti, Romeo H.	X	X	X	X	X	Langevin, Donald R.	X	X	X		X
Cebrell, Richard A.	X	X	X	X	X	Light, Clyde E.	X	X	X	X	X
Colli, Francis A.	X	X	X	X	X	Pond, Everett H.	X	X		X	X
Connor, Edward M.	X	X	X	X	X	Rawson, Robert M.	X	X	X	X	
Curran, Donald P.	X	X		X		Sleich, Stexen W. Jr.	X	X			X
DeForge, Jasper P.	X	X	X	X	X	Taylor, Donald H.	X	X			X
Duclos, Lawrence L.	X		X	X	X	Taylor, Richard M.	X	X	X	X	X
Dugan, John E.	X	X	X	X	X	White, Douglas C.	X	X	X	X	X
Gallano, Andrew C.											
Grady, Kenneth R.	X	X	X	X	X						
Kane, James P.	X	X	X	X	X						
Kane, Walter J.	X	X	X	X	X						
Letellier, Walter J.	X	X	X	X	X	PRECINCT 3					
Letellier, Walter T.	X	X	X	X		Bava, James T.			X	X	
Lovotti, Louis J.	X	X	X	X	X	Borgatti, Edward G.	X	X		X	X
Montagna, Michael P.	X	X	X	X	X	Borgatti, Paul R.	X	X		X	X
Nardi, Raymond		X	X	X	X	Cammisa, Marco	X	X	X	X	X
Provo, Samuel F.		X	X	X		Catelotti, Vincent J.	X	X	X	X	X
Saracino, Raymond	X	X	X	X		Connor, Francis A.	X	X			X
Schneider, Harry W.	X	X	X	X		D'Amato, Paul J.	X	X	X	X	X
Swanson, Ernest C.	X		X	X		D'Amato, Ralph Jr.					X
Tricinella, Cynthia						DePalo, Esther	X				
DeForge, Raymond	X	X	X	X	X	DiDonato, Anthony F.	X	X	X	X	X
						Drew, Frederick A.	X	X	X	X	X
						Farmer, Vernon A.	X	X	X	X	
						Fearn, William F.					
						Ferrart, Joseph J.	X	X	X	X	
						Fleming, George T.	X	X	X	X	X
						Giordano, Pasquali A.	X				X
PRECINCT 2						Gravel, Charles					
Atwater, Harold C. Jr.	X	X	X	X	X	Harris, Raymond E.	X	X	X	X	X
Bedard, Marcel A.	X	X	X	X	X	Hart, Francis H.	X	X			
Belcher, Leonard C.	X	X	X	X	X	Malone, Albert A.	X		X		X
Brown, Noel E.	X	X	X	X	X	Mason, Gerald J.	X		X	X	
Burton, Bernice H.			X	X	X	Mastroianni, Louis A.	X	X	X	X	X
Cesan, David T.	X	X	X	X		Napolitan, Joseph F.	X	X			
Chielewski, Stanley J.	X	X	X	X	X	O'Connor, Thomas K.					X
DeForge, William J. Jr.	X	X	X	X		Ringuette, Norman			X	X	X
Draghetti, Delmo	X	X	X	X	X	Romanowicz, Antoni W.	X	X	X	X	X
Draghetti, George	X	X	X	X	X	Skolnick, Barbara	X	X	X	X	X
Draghetti, Joseph						Skolnick, David	X	X	X	X	X
Drewnowski, Henry A.	X	X			X	Watson, Robert	X	X	X	X	X
Dumont, Ernest M.	X	X	X	X		Zanotti, Angelo	X	X	X	X	
Dunn, Frank E.	X	X	X	X	X						

	2-20-65 A.M.	2-20-65 P.M.	2-27-65 A.M.	2-27-65 P.M.	3-2-65 A.M.		2-20-65 A.M.	2-20-65 P.M.	2-27-65 A.M.	2-27-65 P.M.	3-2-65 A.M.
PRECINCT 4											
Adams, Paul J. Jr.	X	X	X	X		Query, Paul G.		X			
Affleck, George F.	X	X	X	X	X	Richards, Eleanore E.	X	X	X	X	X
Begley, Paul M.	X	X	Deceased			Scala, Salvatore J.					
Carlson, C. Edwin Jr.	X	X			X	Smith, Robert	X	X	X	X	
Chandler, Gordon H.	X	X	X		X	Stebbins, Alfred D. Jr.	X	X	X	X	X
Clark, James	X	X	X	X	X	Sullivan, Eugene F.	X	X	X	X	X
Dacey, Frederick T.	X	X	X	X	X	Tatro, Paul A.	X	X	X	X	
Diefenderfer, Richard P.	X	X	X	X		Walker, Harold E.	X	X	X		
Draghetti, Louis D.	X	X	X	X	X	Wallace, Louise R.	X	X	X	X	X
Edwards, Stanley A.	X	X	X	X	X	Christopher, Albert	X	X	X	X	X
Elasmar, James J.	X		X	X	X						
Fitzgerald, John T.	X		X	X	X						
Gallano, David C.	X	X	X	X	X	PRECINCT 6					
Gallerani, Alfred	X	X	X	X	X	Atwater, Ronald C.					
Gray, John	X	X	X	X	X	Birchall, James W.					
Johnson, Robert W.	X	X	X	X	X	Burnett, Harold J.	X				X
LaFleur, Irving R.	X	X			X	Cavanaugh, Charles O. Jr.	X	X	X	X	X
Lockhart, Benjamin T.	X	X	X	X	X	Chriscola, Frank Jr.	X	X	X	X	X
McGowan, Henry L.	X	X	X	X	X	Chriscola, John J.	X	X	X	X	
Mikszewski, John H.	X	X	X		X	Cirillo, Arthur J.	X	X	X	X	X
Moore, Leslie J. Jr.	X	X			X	Cirillo, John B.	X	X	X	X	
Moore, Rita G.	X	X	X	X	X	Cowles, Wallace A.	X	X	X	X	
Moreno, Valenine R.	X	X	X	X	X	Davenport, Ellen V.	X	X	X	X	X
O'Keefe, James A.	X	X			X	Davenport, Richard M.	X	X	X	X	X
Pease, James E.	X	X	X	X	X	Dowd, Bernard J.	X	X	X	X	X
Progulske, Theodore A.	X	X	X	X	X	Edwards, Joseph M.	X	X	X	X	X
Schilling, Robert					X	Fenton, James F. Jr.	X	X	X	X	X
Toelken, Richard W.	X	X	X	X		Fieldstad, Paul	X	X	X	X	X
Zerra, Jerry L.	X	X	X	X		Fuchs, Arthur J.		X	X	X	X
Zucco, Nicholas					X	Hall, Robert W.		X			
Pineo, Frank C.			X	X	X	Hallock, Howard H.	X	X	X	X	X
						Hauser, John F.		X			X
						Hyland, Thomas E.	X	X	X	X	X
PRECINCT 5						Magovern, John N.	X				X
Atwater, James C.	X	X	X	X	X	Notman, Bruce P.	X	X			X
Bodurtha, Dudley K.	X	X	X	X	X	O'Connor, Francis W.		X			
Cadorete, Rene B.		X				Orr, Richard M.	X	X	X	X	
Cartello, Charles J.					X	Pilkington, Elwin A.	X	X	X	X	
Cascio, Thomas E.	X	X	X	X	X	Robinson, George D. Jr.	X	X	X	X	X
Connelly, Edward W.	X	X	X	X	X	Shaylor, Douglas M.	X	X	X	X	X
DeForge, Phillip J.	X			X	X	Tatro, Louis R.		X	X	X	
Della Giustina, Joseph		X		X		Wilson, Neil H.	X	X	X	X	X
Doolittle, Dorothy		X	X	X	X	Zavarella, Arthur	X	X		X	X
Fullam, Harold A.	X	X	X	X	X						
Grasso, Alfred M.	X	X	X	X	X						
Grasso, Frank A.	X	X		X	X						
Hastings, John N.	X	X	X	X		MEMBERS AT LARGE					
Ingalls, Alfred E.		X	X		X	Cannarella, Santo A.	X	X	X	X	X
Kistner, Charles L.	X	X	X	X		Charest, Raymond E.	X	X	X	X	X
Lawson, Henry W.	X	X	X	X	X	Cleary, Francis P.	X	X	X	X	X
Mattoon, Donald H.	X	X	X	X	X	Gaffney, Harold Jr.	X	X	X	X	X
Nolin, Francis E.	X	X	X	X		Letellier, Brandon N.	X	X	X	X	X
Orr, Raymond W. Jr.	X	X	X	X	X	Porter, George W.					
Peterson, Priscilla D.	X	X	X		X	Shea, John J.	X	X	X	X	X

Veterans Department

In spite of the fact that this department saw general increases in hospital and nursing home rates and a State increase in benefits to recipients the amount expended during the year increased only \$850.00. The reason for this small increase we attribute to the greatly improved national economy and the low employment rate. The greater portion of the budget was expended for aid to elderly dependents of veterans in hospitals and nursing homes. During the past year several of these dependents required hearing aid appliances and this contributed largely to the increase in the department's miscellaneous account.

The following accounts for expenditures in 1965:

Ordinary Benefits	\$12,251.66
Fuel	1,058.08
Doctors	455.95
Nursing Homes	2,584.50
Medication	2,194.75
Hospitals	5,567.42
Dental	30.00
Miscellaneous	1,685.87

Total expenditures for 1965 \$25,828.23

Ordinary aid benefits have decreased during the past year; however medical care has increased to 48.5% of the budget. This is an increase of \$3327.83 over the 1964 expenditures.

The town is in receipt of \$12,694.89 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the State's share of 1964 expenditures. This amounts to 50.8% of total expenditures for that year and has been turned over to the E & D account.

David C. Gallano, Veterans Agent

Civil Defense

The widespread power blackout of last November 9th provided an unscheduled test of this town's readiness for such emergencies. It is gratifying to report that the stand-by electric power units at the Town Hall and Fire stations worked perfectly and enabled the municipal Fire and Police facilities and personnel to maintain communications and function without interruption.

Much effort was expended in testing, and mechanical maintenance of the thirteen sirens strategically located to cover all sections of the town. The Local Government radio system was improved, tying in the Fire, Police, and DPW offices and their vehicles into a single, integrated communications net. Additional usage of the radio net was made by using it to alert the call-firemen by coded transmissions direct from Fire Headquarters

A special "Halo" antenna was devised for emergency mobile use on the C D frequency and tested in all parts of town with good results. Also adopted for point-to-point long range contacts was a three-element "Quad" beam antenna constructed by two High School seniors as a civic science project.

Arthur Zavarella
Director

Agawam Public School

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 8, 1965 to June 17, 1966

1965

September	8	Wednesday	Schools open — beginning of school year
October	12	Tuesday	Schools closed — Columbus Day
	15	Friday	Schools closed — Teachers' Convention Day
November	11	Thursday	Schools closed — Veterans' Day
	25	Thursday	Schools closed — Thanksgiving Vacation
	26	Friday	Regular sessions will be held November 24
	29	Monday	Schools reopen
December	23	Thursday	Schools close for Christmas Vacation Regular sessions will be held this day

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January	3	Monday	Schools reopen
February	18	Friday	Schools close for Midwinter Vacation Regular sessions will be held this day
February	28	Monday	Schools reopen
April	8	Friday	Schools closed — Good Friday
April	18	Monday	Schools closed — Vacation day
	19	Tuesday	Schools closed — Patriots' Day
May	30	Monday	Schools closed — Memorial Day
June	17	Friday	Schools close for Summer Vacation
	26		End of school year

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James Clark
Telephone 739-1564
Address: 28 Reed Street

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Junior High School Building — 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Appointments should be arranged in advance

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY

Mrs. Kathleen Arnold

HOURS IN SESSION

Senior High School
8:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Junior High School
8:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Robinson Park Elementary School
8:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Phelps, Danahy, Peirce, Granger and South
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Philip J. DeForge, Chairman	1967
F. Joseph Napolitan, Chairman	1966
Conrad J. Phillips, Secretary	1968
Walter A. Balboni	1968
Joseph A. DellaGuistina	1967
Francis J. Rosso	1966

School Committee

No school construction was requested during 1965. A new school or addition had to be built every two years from 1954 to 1964. The birth rate in 1955 was 324 — population 13,550. The birth rate in 1964 was 312 — population 17,800. Agawam's drop in birth rate is a reflection of the national trend in this country. It has afforded the taxpayers a brief respite from the rapid growth of the previous ten years.

The school committee cannot predict accurately in this changing social structure what will be the immediate or the long range building needs in Agawam. We can say that 113 homes were built in 1965 and apartment houses are being constructed at a rapid rate. These facts lead the school committee to recommend that the selectmen complete the taking of the thirty-two acres in Feeding Hills center. Growth in this area is immediate and also contains the land area for future school population.

Taxpayers undoubtedly welcome the moderate school budget increases during the past two years made possible by the previously mentioned social trend. The school committee again asks for taxpayer's support of a budget increase of approximately \$118,000. and a total budget of \$2,021,000., which represents a gross percentage increase of 6.3 and a net increase of \$71,000. or 3.7 percent. These figures compare favorable with the State Group IIA average of 10 percent budget increases. Our net increase of 3.7 percent is made possible by the return of \$47,000.

A new elementary science curriculum was received by the committee. The results of aptitude, achievement tests, and college board examinations were reviewed. Both student and teacher morale seems good. The committee reports satisfactory progress in the Agawam Public School system.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Harmon Smith was elected President of The Massachusetts Athletic Directors' Association. Also, that Mr. Raymond Harris is serving as President of the Western Massachusetts Junior High Principals' Association; Mrs. Barbara Skolnick secretary of the Western Hampden Elementary Principals' Association; and Mr. James Clark is President of the Cooperative School Service Center at the University of Massachusetts representing fifty-one school systems.

A nod should go to the 1965 Agawam AA Conference Football champions.

The Agawam School Committee is in open meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. We express our thanks to parents and citizens of Agawam for the support received in 1965.

Superintendent of Schools

Each year brings: change in curriculum, in the preparation of teaching candidates, in the aids to education, and in the recognition of the value of education and its place in our American Democracy. Each year the needs of another segment of the student body moves to the fore and financial support is granted by the school committee to meet the added expense.

The year 1965 benefited by a curriculum revision in science, grades 1 thru 6. The full program in French and Spanish, grades 7 and 8 reached completion. The impact of the new English program, the new biology program, the chemistry and modern math programs, and the research in physics made its impact felt on the senior high level. In 1961, when the fourteen-room addition to the high school was completed, the labs for science were increased from five to eight. The science teachers now find these are inadequate in number and not equipped properly to meet the demands of 1966 biology, chemistry, physics, and math. We are also faced with the need to consider reading labs. If we can offer labs for foreign languages, we may have to provide labs for the instruction of English.

Audio-visual education aids such as: 16mm projectors; 35mm projectors; opaque projectors; and record players have been well accepted. Knocking loudly on the door for acceptance in the audio visual field is the overhead projector with its prepared projecturals for almost all fields of learning. The computer is clamoring for a place in the math and office-practice departments. The key punch, sorter, printing calculator, reproducer and mark-sense machines all say we are parts of modern society and demand recognition in the field of education.

The requirements for admission to colleges and universities have gone up drastically. This competition results in a better trained teacher for education and high standards of preparation.

State legislatures — with the exception of Massachusetts — and finally the federal government have realized the place of and the need for better education. We are happy to get a break through in federal aid to education even though the first-year grants are bogged down in bureaucracy and the requirements to qualify are written by eggheads at the Washington level. We look for the presently surging cry from the fifty states to correct this imbalance so that each state and school system may benefit from the federal aid thru regular state channels on a basis of student population and economic need.

The school committee granted a helping teacher for Peirce and Danahy schools. This instruction for remedial aid for children has been well received and we hope to see an expansion of the program in 1966.

There is a need for more room at the senior high to accomodate 1275 students with the demand for more lab facilities in a rapidly changing program. The senior high opened in 1955 with an addition in 1961 and has facilities for 1200 students. The state and national trend in school construction under fire from racial groups has to be studied carefully before a recommendation can be made as the pressure for more classroom space becomes urgent. The changing birth-rate in the nation and reflected in Agawam further complicates the problem.

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools has pointed to a need for kindergartens in Agawam. National leaders plus our own state in the Wilis Report confirmed this request.

The scholastic achievements of our student body are reported to the school committee and are open to inspection. We have reason to congratulate the students for sucesses in the academic area, the football team for winning the AA championship two years in a row, the hockey team and the basketball team for good records at the end of 1965.

My thanks to the student body, the teachers, the principals, the school committee, the town officials, the parents and taxpayers for a team effort in the area of education.

James Clark

Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT 1965
AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENROLLMENT

Enrollment as of December 31, 1965

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sp.	Tr.	Total
Benjamin J. Phelps	93	100	84	84	95	87									543
Katherine G. Danahy	55	60	39	62	55										271
Robinson Park	62	61	65	52	125	160								4	429
Faolin M. Peirce	52	57	54	62											225
Clifford M. Granger	72	69	80	76	51	61							9		413
South Elementary	54	67	62	56	65	81							10		395
TOTAL ELEMENTARY															
Junior High							367	351							2381
Senior High									334	350	327	248	15		733
TOTAL ALL SCHOOL	388	414	384	392	391	389	367	351	334	350	327	248	50	4	4389

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SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1965

	PHELPS	GRANGER	PEIRCE	DANAHY	SOUTH	ROBINSON	JR. HIGH	HIGH	TOTAL
Average Daily Attendance	488	384	214	238	381	482	666	1173	4026
Type A Lunches with Milk	318	293	116	178	280	380	460	819	2844
Milk Only	133	75	64	46	106	87	84	149	744

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance December 31, 1964	\$ 18,144.75
Lunchroom Receipts	143,673.12
U.S.D.A. Claims Received	49,776.79
Total Cash on Hand	\$ 211,594.66
Less Disbursements	198,246.50
Balance December 31, 1965	\$ 13,348.16
U.S.D.A. Claims due	10,142.11
Balance	\$ 23,490.27

Total Type A Lunches Served during the year:	505,654
Needy Lunches Served during the year:	2781
Needy Milk Served during the year:	,1000

REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER RECEIPTS

Chapter 70 (Teachers' Salaries)	\$ 181,182.65	\$ 195,362.16
Chapter 71 (Transportation)	81,309.17	67,769.00
Adult Education	3,880.52	4,627.64
Trade School Tuition	9,238.62	11,276.52
Transportation of Pupils to Vocational Schools	494.25	638.88
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	870.64	1,205.85
Tuition received from other Towns	1,151.22	292.60
Receipts from Industrial Arts Department	347.25	761.48
Receipts from Rental of School Property	801.00	1,505.00
Refund from Insurance premiums		919.38
Special Education	16,290.94	20,338.91
National Defense Education Funds	6,581.15	1,844.50
Recreation — Physically handicapped and Mentally Retarded	461.50	524.90
Miscellaneous Receipts	209.71	375.03
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	\$ 302,818.72	\$ 307,441.85

December 31, 1965

Town Appropriation \$1,902,709.00

EXPENDITURES

School Committee	\$ 676.61
Superintendent's Office	27,678.06
Supervisors	27,813.92
Principals	114,981.31
Teaching	1,180,671.22
Textbooks	30,947.45
Library Services	11,660.12
Audio-Visual Services	4,024.82
Guidance Services	28,427.15
Psychological Services	28,340.00
Attendance	5,730.05
Health	22,378.35
Transportation	101,155.30
Athletics	5,459.89
Student Body Activities	4,755.16
Custodial Services	136,370.15
Heating Buildings	36,621.67
Utility Services	36,610.79
Maintenance of Grounds	2,016.52
Maintenance of Equipment	7,627.29
Replacement of Equipment	9,902.68
Fixed Charges — Insurance	12,657.17
Acquisition and Improvement of Buildings	2,711.94
Acquisition of Equipment	2,157.56
Programs with Other Districts	24,182.41
Travel Outside Commonwealth	1,144.56
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	\$1,857,733.20

COST OF SCHOOLS TO TOWN

Total Expenditures by the Town	\$ 1,744,501.77	\$ 1,857,733.20
Reimbursements	302,818.72	307,441.85
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	\$ 1,441,683.05	\$ 1,550,291.35



For the past nine years, Agawam Council for the Aging has conducted a "Listening Post" in the Town Hall each Tuesday from 1:30-2:30 P.M. Named the "Listening Post" for just that reason, Council members are present to listen to any problems senior citizens may have; they then direct the senior citizens to the proper problem. Hundreds of seniors have visited the Listening Post during the past nine years. and found solutions to many problems.

Pictured above is John A. Adams of the Council.

Report of The Senior High School Principal

I herewith present the annual report of the Senior High School.

During the past five years there have been more changes in the presentation of subject matter than was the case for decades previously. In some subject areas, mathematics and science in particular, the changes have been very drastic.

All teaching has become "modern" and the predictions for additional success are very favorable. It is estimated that a larger background of content can be accumulated in the same space of time and will be easily available for the pupil when he needs it.

This is an age of testing for intelligence, aptitude, and achievement, social reactions, etc. All tests are timed which necessitates the need for fast reaction on the part of the student.

Of these, the most noted are the College Entrance Boards. Presently they are given in this school but emanate from and are supervised by a central board which represents a cross-section of the nation. The results of these tests must be made available to most schools of advanced education for consideration before a student is accepted for matriculation.

In conformance with national trends this school inaugurated a system of homogeneous grouping and has introduced advanced subjects and supplemented pre-existing studies for the students capable of benefiting from them. Currently this organization affects nearly all subjects of the curriculum.

The school's greatest handicap is lack of space. Before any change is given serious consideration it is first necessary to check for available room and occasionally it is necessary to abandon a specific project because no class room is empty during the period desired.

When the school was built ample facilities were provided for science including considerable leeway for growth. Now additional laboratory space is actually needed. The new ideas in presentation of biology in particular require a well-equipped laboratory which outmodes the rooms and equipment provided originally for the subject. The other subjects in the area of the laboratory sciences are also changed to a lesser or greater degree. To compete with other schools, renovation or an addition is greatly needed.

Another need is overhead projectors, tape recorders, and record players. The former type of equipment may be used effectively by a teacher of any subject while the others are best adapted to the English, modern languages, and music areas. Such equipment saves an unlimited amount of a teacher's time.

Much emphasis is placed on international education. People who understand each other lay a firm foundation for peace. A few years ago World Geography was added to the list of subjects. Students also study world affairs independently through the program of the International Relations Club.

This year's football team was an excellent one. It won the Western Massachusetts AA Football Conference Championship for the second consecutive year. No school has achieved this honor previously. The prowess of the boys in football is matched if not surpassed by their individual citizenship records. Congratulations are well-earned.

Gerald B. Cleary, a member of the current senior class, honored both himself and the school when he was elected president of the Western Massachusetts Student Council Association. Reports received by people connected with the organization were to the effect that he did an admirable piece of work in that capacity.

Miss Emily McCormick retired at the end of the last school year after a long tenure of sincere dedication to the teaching profession and to the children of Agawam. She had taught numerous subjects on various grade levels ending her career as a teacher of commercial subjects in this school. She has earned a long, happy life of leisure, but her pleasant smile will be missed.

Membership in the Eleanor Smith Chapter of the National Honor Society is the school's most coveted academic honor. It is symbolic of an average of 85% during the four years. The following achieved the honor last year:

Linda Lee Barufaldi
Joanne Louise Beauvais
Cynthia Jeanne Berkowicz
Maryann Ceccarini
Barbara Jean Clark
Margaret Marie Cleary
William Kenneth Clouse
Andrew John Ennaco
Donna Lou Gaunt
Joyce Estelle Goodwin
Charles Joseph Guyotte

Judith Marlene Morrissey
Janice Ann Nadok
Laurence Alfred Provost
Marie Louise Raschi
Regina Ann Shepard
Sandra Jean Spagnoli
Zenon Ronald Stelmak
Robert Ernest Swanson
Linda Van Heusen
Louisa Maria Zerra

Currently Jerome D. Jackson is a semi-finalist in both the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and the National Honor Society competitions. To reach the semi-finals in one of the other would be a mark of excellence, accordingly, his achievement in both is outstanding.

It is also a pleasure to report that the following five students received letters of commendation from the Merit Scholarship: Gerald B. Cleary, Judith A. Leno, James E. Michalak, John P. Quinn, and Edward C. Stefanik.

Following are the names of the students whose record was outstanding in the subject area noted:

Citizenship — Daughters of the American Revolution —Linda Barufaldi
U. S History Award — Veterans of foreign Wars — \$10 —Judith Morrissey
Problems of Democracy — Walter S. Kerr Barracks No. 396 —
World War 1 Veterans — \$10 —Philip DeForge, Jr.
International Relations Prize — Agawam Women's Club — \$5 —Charles Guyotte
Personality Club Awards — \$10 each —Roberta Wilson — Russel Ramah
Excellence in Social Studies — Agawam Junior Women's Club — \$25 — ..Judith Morrissey
Bookkeeping Award — \$5 —Janice Nadok
Commercial Award — Agawam Women's Club — Stenography — \$5 — ..Sandra Spagnoli
Third National Bank (Agawam Branch) —
Highest Commercial Award — \$25 —Maryann Ceccarini
Latin — Benjamin J. Phelps — Agawam Lions Club — \$25 —Charles Guyotte
Foreign Language Award — Agawam Junior
Women's Club — \$25 —Linda Van Heusen
Music — Agawam Women's Club — \$5 —Regina Shepard
Operetta — Pin —Robert Guidetti
Sousa Award — Band — Medal —Kenric Gallano
Art — Agawam Women's Club — \$5 —Sandra Davis
Industrial Arts Award — Veterans of Foreign Wars,
Post 1632 — \$5 —John Drewnowski
Mathematics and Science — Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute — Medal —Zenon Stelmak
Excellence in Mathematics — \$10 —Robert Swanson
Felix DePalma Mathematics Prize — \$25 each —Barbara Clark — Zenon Stelmak

As President of the Western Massachusetts Junior High School Principals' Association, I have observed that many of the principals in our area are interested in a self-evaluation of their schools. Several junior high schools in the state are beginning self-evaluations, and others have had a complete evaluation by a visiting committee. We are planning, if time allows, our evaluation in 1966.

I found the National Association of Secondary School Principals' Convention, which I attended last January in Miami, to be a most worthwhile experience. By keeping abreast of the current trends in education today, we are able to keep ourselves well-informed on present day theories and practices in education. I have already submitted a complete report to the superintendent and the school committee reviewing the proceedings of this convention.

In looking ahead, we should strengthen our modern Foreign Language Department by adding new headphones to our Newcomb Listening Device or purchasing an inexpensive laboratory.

Our boys' shower room would be greatly improved by painting or tiling the walls. The shower room gets a great deal of use as it is used by evening groups and visiting basketball teams as well as our daily gym classes. This work could be done for approximately five hundred dollars.

To improve the general appearance of our corridor floors the remaining paint should be removed and, then the surface sealed. This would not be expensive improvement and could be handled under the summer maintenance program.

It is very important that we repair the front sidewalk as soon as possible. Several people have tripped and; fortunately, no one has been seriously hurt to date.

For the hard use the building gets, it is in excellent condition. This is due to a fine maintenance program which is carried on during the summer vacation.

Once again our annual magazine campaign sales were very good. I am listing several worthwhile projects which we accomplished in 1965.

Trophy case	\$750
Remodeling toilet area and building closet in the faculty room	500
Gift to the Gridiron Moms to defray expense of the electric scoreboard at the Harmon Smith Football Field	250
Scholarships for two students of last years' graduating class	200
Public address system and record changer for the cafeteria	50
Two students to Heritage Day at Plymouth Plantation	25
School awards and prizes	100
Donation to Agawam Teachers' Scholarship Fund	100

This year the annual "End of the Year 8th Grade Dance" was omitted in favor of a picnic and swimming party at the YMCA pool. This event proved less expensive and was enjoyed by the three hundred students who attended. We hope that this may be an annual event.

My sincere thanks to you Mr. Clark, the school committee faculty, parents, and students for any success that we may have experienced this past year. The loyalty and co-operation we have received from all of you is deeply appreciated.

Raymond Harris, Principal

SCHOOL HEALTH

The school nurse studies the environment in the school, the home, and the community to identify elements contributing to accidents, fatigue, and emotional strain. Many hours are spent with parents in follow-up work in connection with physically handicapped and emotionally disturbed children. Many clinics are used to help — Guidance, Family and Home Service, and the Mental Health Clinics. Much help is needed at the elementary level.

All students are weighted and measured; physical examinations for grades 1, 4, 7, and 11 are done by the school doctors and parents notified of defects. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoid inoculations are given each year in grades 5 and 9 with the assistance of the Board of Health Nurses. The nurses assume responsibility for screening of hearing and vision. Eyes tested — 1733, 174 failed; ears tested — individual 3668, in group 672, 102 failed. Reports are sent to parents if attention is needed.

School nurses have attended meetings in Boston and Amherst. Mrs. Ethel Kane attended the National School Health Association presentation in conjunction with the American Medical Association in New York City in June.

A weekly meeting is held and monthly reports are made to the school committee. Agawam schools are visited by state supervisors every six months.

The nurses sincerely appreciate the cooperation of the superintendent, principals, teachers and parents. We also want to thank the Agawam Lions' Club for their aid in furnishing glasses.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Agawam Adult Education program continued in its fourteenth year in 1965. This year fourteen adults finished the necessary requirements and were granted high school diplomas. As a result several of our graduates are now enrolled in local colleges while others have benefited by qualifying for better paid positions at their place of employment. One hundred and five adults were registered in the high school program.

There are thirty-three courses offered in the Adult Education program. Twelve of the courses are in the academic field, four in the commercial, and seventeen in the practical arts. A director and staff of seventeen teachers are involved in the program. Five hundred and fifty residents of Agawam registered for the many courses in 1965.

The University Extension program sponsored courses in modern mathematics for adults, modern psychology 'Making the Most of Yourself', and a course to prepare journeymen electricians for their examinations for a license. One hundred and seventy-two adults were enrolled in these programs.

At the request of the Director of the Division of Motorboats of the Registry of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a course in 'Better Boating' was offered and the state awarded certificates to those who successfully completed an eight week course.

In April, the eighth annual exhibit of crafts and creative arts was held in the auditorium of the Agawam Junior High School for two days and nights and was very well attended. The faculty and students believe that this display of work and talent has helped to increase the amount of interest the residents of Agawam have shown in the practical arts program available to them.

The school committee should be commended for its continued belief and support of the adult education program which is becoming more important and gaining in popularity each year.

The director wishes to thank the school committee, Mr. James Clark, Superintendent of Schools for their assistance and guidance. Also, Mr. Frederick Dacey, Principal of the Agawam High School and Mr. Raymond Harris, Principal of the Agawam Junior High School for the unlimited use of their facilities which make the adult education program possible.

Richard H. Barry, Director



Congressman Edward P. Boland, center, was guest and principal speaker at dedication exercises for the new Feeding Hills Post Office. Charles Brantley, left, president of Agawam Jaycees, and Acting Postmaster Julio Alvigini flank the congressman.

Election Results 1965

MODERATOR

John J. Shea*	691	562	601	420	464	354	3092
Richard S. Brindle	248	393	219	452	482	349	2143

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Raymond E. Charest*	613	514	533	363	409	295	2727
George L. Reynolds	358	466	313	530	562	428	2657

TOWN COLLECTOR

Margaret E. Ferranti*	902	867	777	809	841	646	4842
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Francis P. Cleary*	545	606	366	550	597	486	3059
Raymond Saracino	516	370	468	337	360	231	2282

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

F. Joseph Napolitan*	596	537	549	352	389	315	2738
Francis J. Rosso*	662	475	544	395	415	311	2802
Clark A. Greenough	187	350	190	384	426	334	1871
Rita G. Moore	345	472	303	554	585	437	2696

PLANNING BOARD

John J. Beltrandi*	715	502	563	398	398	277	2853
Richard M. Davenport	234	446	257	475	545	441	2398

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Harriet S. Keogh*	728	708	644	587	677	502	3846
Charles D. Hodges	291	453	299	514	535	431	2523
Ruth E. Zucco*	574	467	479	411	457	313	2701

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Leonard P. Rising*	405	548	378	579	601	471	2982
Dermot J. Desmond	522	402	438	289	351	235	2237

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Bernard J. Dowd	310	459	282	492	536	444	2523
Bernard J. Horniak*	585	463	503	372	398	264	2585

TREE WARDEN

Elmer Cascio*	388	508	363	589	606	462	2916
Daniel DiDonato	548	449	464	290	341	240	2332

PARKS, PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

James A. O'Keefe, Jr*	710	541	598	534	524	396	3303
Laurence R. O'Connell, Jr*	548	515	453	316	409	270	2511
Lawrence J. Scherpa	381	442	301	447	476	359	2406
Joseph J. Trzcinski	179	344	238	398	436	349	1944
Jerry R. Sibilia (for one year)*	814	780	728	726	766	573	4387

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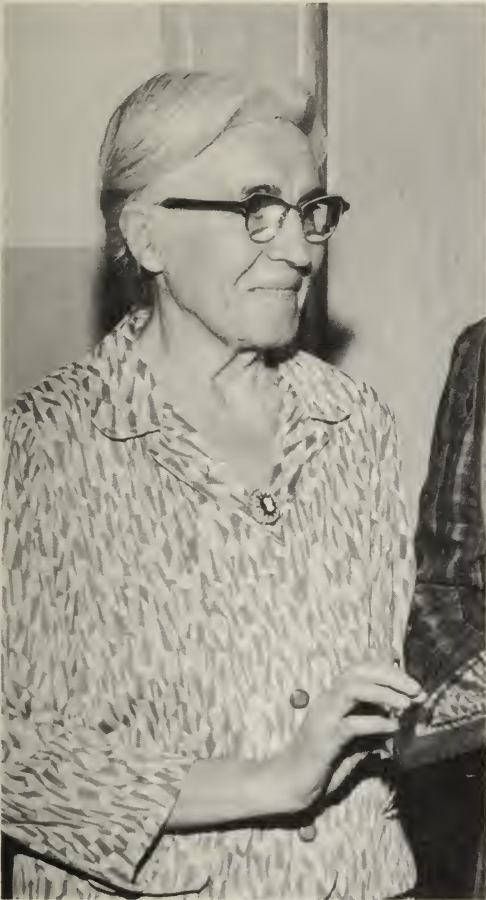
Muriel E. Meunier*	624	504	507	397	450	359	2841
Nicholas S. Zucco	283	412	292	458	482	340	2267

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Daniel DiDonato*	608	501	527	401	451	333	2821
G. Arthur Armstrong	316	454	289	454	499	366	2378

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SPOTLIGHT FOR 1965

Two Senior Citizens were chosen by the Agawam Council for the Aging to receive special awards for their outstanding service to the town and to their fellow citizens. . .

Mrs. Theresa DiRosa and her husband operated one of the largest gladioli market gardens in the area on School Street where they resided. Always generous with their beautiful flowers to the people who were ill or to nearby churches marked one of Mrs. DiRosa's sterling qualities. They looked forward to a trip to Florida with fellow members of the Agawam Golden Age Club when tragedy struck when Mr. DiRosa died on the railroad platform boarding the train in Springfield. Mrs. DiRosa carried on by herself, remaining active and holding membership in the Florist Association, St. John the Evangelist Guild, Catholic Women's Club, Garden Club, Golden Age Club and the Farm Bureau Association.

She was presented her award as Senior Citizen of the Year in September. Two months later, she too passed on to her heavenly award.

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Miss Minnie Barden moved to Agawam when she was four years of age. She started to work in the Agawam Center post office in 1927 and was appointed Postmaster in 1934 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Following her service in the post office, she started a new career in the Town Hall in the clerk's office in 1941. She retired from the Town Hall as assistant town clerk in 1961 and has been enjoying her retirement since that time. "Minnie", as she is known to her friends, has many hobbies. They include stamp and coin collecting; her most interesting hobby is bowling which she still does every week. She holds membership in the Agawam Women's Club, Agawam Garden Club and the Agawam Women's Social Bowling League. She was presented her Senior Citizen of the Year award in September.

